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BAKED BROWN BREAD

4 cups sifted Graham flour	1 egg
1 cup bread flour	1/2 cup of brown sugar
2 level teaspoons Calumet Baking	1/2 cup of molasses
Powder	2 cups sour milk
1/2 teaspoon of soda	2 tablespoons sour cream

Sift flour once, then measure, add baking powder and soda, and sift three times. Rub sugar and molasses until smooth, then add milk, cream, and well beaten egg, then add flour and pour into a well greased pan, let stand for two hours, then bake in moderate oven 1 hour. This makes one large or two small loaves.

CALUMET BROWN BREAD

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1 cup of milk		4 cups entire wheat flour	
31/2 teaspoons (alumet Baking	3 tablespoons melted butter	
Powder		3/4 cup of water	
1/2 cup raisins,	cut and dredged in	1 egg	
flour		1/4 cup chopped nuts (if desired)

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EDITORIAL I

N its June, 1922, issue, the Sierra Educational News said editorially:

Announcement is made that Dr. Barrows, President of the University of Cali-

DR. CAMPBELL PRESIDENT fornia, has requested that he be relieved of a d m i n i s t r a t i v e work, and, in June,

1923, returned to his former position, Department of Political Science. Scholar, Teacher, Executive, Soldier, Statesman, Man of Affairs, Dr. Barrows is one of the outstanding figures in American life today. As an authority in the field of political science and international relations, we may expect a notable contribution from Dr. Barrows during the next few years The great wonder is that Dr. Barrows, or any president, or, in fact, any member of the Board of Regents, has been able thus long to survive amicably in the unwholesome atmosphere of the Academic Senate. We hope to have something more specific to say in this connection in a later issue.

During the months past, the daily press of the Bay Region and of the State generally has commented on Dr. Barrows' resignation. Some have hinted at his unwillingness to longer continue in a position where the authority of the executive is a divided one. The Argonaut, with temerity and insight, went to the heart of the matter. It showed how impossible it was for a president to continue where the Academic Senate, clothed with powers bestowed by the Regents, took upon itself the prerogatives of the executive. The Argonaut more than once expressed the hope that Dr. Barrows, resigned, would succeed Dr. Barrows, President.

The editorial policy of the Sierra News warrants it in taking up for consideration and discussion only such matters as have state-

wide application. The University of California is however, a state institution. Its acts, and the results of its work, are state-wide. Its administrative policy has an effect upon education and administration the country over. President Barrows has uttered a disclaimer as to the alleged cause for his withdrawal. His loyalty to the University is to be commended. But those who have followed the course of events at our State University, know that the Sierra Educational News, in the utterance quoted above, merely hinted at the depth of the disturbance in Berkeley. For years there has been an inner circle in the Board of Regents; and for years there has been an inner circle in the Academic Senate. These inner circles, dominated by motives less social than personal, have carried matters with a high hand. An Academic Senate or Faculty Council or Advisory Committee should prove a valuable adjunct in the administration of a great university. But there must be cooperation, not conflict. And when the better disposed members of an Academic Senate are inactive and a small group dominates, it is inevitable that there should result such a situation as has developed at Berkeley. he on up th gr

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These reflections are occasioned on the announcement of the appointment of a successor to Dr. Barrows. We hardly know whether to congratulate President-Elect Dr. W. W. Campbell, or to commiserate with him. It is assumed that the Regents have looked far and wide for a successor to Dr. Barrows. The names of a number of prominent men throughout the nation have been suggested, and now the Regents have come home and have selected a man who, for many years, has been a member of the faculty of the university. Dr. Campbell is a man of more than local prominence. As a scientist he is nationally known, indeed, internationally known. For many years

he has been the Director of Lick Observatory, on Mt. Hamilton. His researches are looked upon by astronomers and scientists throughout the country as authoritative in the highest degree. Indeed, the work upon which he is now engaged promises to confirm or reject some of the most significant theories in science now before the world.

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It is understood that Dr. Campbell is to retain his present position as Director of the Observatory. The Sierra Educational News does not wonder he desires to do this. A man who, for half a life time, has given the best that is in him to scientific researches, and who, at this moment is working upon the most important problem that has ever commanded his attention, would hardly wish to drop entirely his life's work, that he might enter upon the duties incident to the administration of a great university. It is stated that Dr. Campbell proposes to later name an assistant director, who will be responsible for the details of administration, thus leaving the president free for his researches and larger administrative problems. Herein lies one great difficulty. The presidency of the University of California is a man's job. The shouldering of certain responsibilities upon others is, of We raise the course, good administration. question, however, as to whether this plan is not exactly in line with the desire of certain members of the Board of Regents and a very active group in the Academic Senate.

One of the great dailies of the Bay District, speaking of the matter editorially, says: "He (Dr. Campbell) will still be Director of Lick Observatory, but no man can minutely direct a great scientific institution and at the same time administer the very complicated affairs of the University of California." There is clearly an implied question and doubt in the utterance of this editorial. The Sierra Educational News has no occasion whatever to criticize the appointment of Dr. Campbell. The mere fact that his work thus far has not been in line with the experiences demanded in the administrator of a great university, does not

at all imply that Dr. Campbell does not possess these qualifications. One thing is certain. A man, to successfully lead the university at this time, must be possessed of broad outlook, keen vision, sound academic training, the teaching instinct, business ability and a knowledge of men and of measures, such as is possessed by few. More than this, and of chief importance, he must be a man, who, while of broad sympathies and humanistic insights, will be no respecter of persons. He must be willing and ready to handle the affairs of the university in such fashion that, having decided upon a policy, he will not be dissuaded by political influence or jealousy or personal ambiton or narrowness on the part of any individual, or set of individuals, within the university, or out of it. He must be wise, just and fearless.

Such a man, it is the hope of the Sierra Educational News, the Regents have found in Dr. Campbell. He should seek aid and suggestion from any source whatsoever. We trust that his long connection with things scientific has not so isolated him from the state at large that he will be unable to evaluate public education in its proper terms. We frequently speak of the university as being the capstone of the educational system. It is the capstone only in the sense that it is the last institution of learning, save the more important school of actual life in which the student's lot is cast. The average university professor appreciates all too little the fact that more important than the university is the secondary school, and that more important than the secondary school is the school of elementary grade. And only as the university has a knowledge of and appreciation of the work of these institutions, and only as it sees clearly its duty is to take those who come to the university and better prepare them for the every day work of the world, will the university be fulfilling its proper function. We wish Dr. Campbell every success.

A. H. C.

As we go to press the Legislative Committee of the C. T. A. is in session at Sacramento.

YEAR ago we published the third Directory of Educational Organizations in California. It had been contemplated to include in one list both the professional and the non-professional bodies as they concerned education. The number was found to be so

THE NEW DIRECTORY great that neither journal nor bulletin space was available. Hence the selected list of distinctly educational societies. These alone numbered some-

thing like 200. Of the citizens' civic, business and philanthropic clubs and associations maintaining educational committees or departments as constituent elements of their organizations, there were as many more. Judging from the responses received the Directory as finally issued, January 1922, was found serviceable to, not teachers alone, but to many interested persons besides. Early in the current school year a letter was sent out to the officers asking information of changes that should be incorporated in a reprint. There was indicated a double purpose in the publication for this year. It was to be a record of such societies and their officers; but by action of the C. T. A. Board of Directors the entire list was constituted a "State-wide Committee to serve as a General Committee on Legislation during the current session of the State Legislature." A weekly bulletin is to be sent to at least one officer of each organization, giving information of proposed measures in both Houses as they concerned California schools. It is a trifle disconcerting that so few responses came from organization officers. Approximately one third of them indicated the officers or committees to whom should be sent this bulletin. For the rest, it will be sent to the president or the secretary for the last year trusting it may reach the body of members.

THE BULLETIN

NO such attempt has been made in California, probably none so comprehensive in any other state to enable teachers to keep in touch with the legislative procedure of interest

to them. The officials receiving the report, or the Committee on Legislation of each local organization "is expected to act as a clearing house in their respective localities keeping the teaching body generally in touch with the progress at Sacramento" through frequent meetings and conferences. It promises an excellent opportunity for exerting an informed and united influence in shaping needed school legislation, or in warding off what may be vicious or conflicting. Beside, the Legislative Committee of the Council, of five members, headed by President Mark Keppel should be greatly aided and supported to come to wise conclusions. It will be readily understood that not all members can be furnished with the bulletin directory; but, indirectly, through local means, every one should have access to such information as it provides. If, early in the year, it should be found that the bulletin is not reaching the right persons, or not, for any reason, coming to the members, corrections or additions may be made to the mailing list and will be gladly and promptly attended to in this office. This is meant to be a service to C. T. A. members particularly, which will have justified itself to the extent to which it is used.

R. G. B.

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THE wisdom of sympathetic cooperation with Europe to improve the conditions of civilization is conceded and, to some degree, appreciated. International and intercontinental relations concern all forward-looking peoples. The interest in South American

THE FAMILY OF NATIONS civic and economic life is growing in the United States. There are sporadic, and fleeting impressions that to the multitudious Asiatic people

we owe something, and from whose nascent civilization certain distinct benefits may be derived by us. Cooperation is the watchword, and a cementing education is the means by which each is to be advantaged. Whatever may be one's convictions on the merits of a more or less exclusive protection to our indus-

tries against the encroachments of foreign producers, we must all believe in the free exchange of ideas. There is no nation, perhaps, whatever may be its degree of civilization, but has something to offer others, that might be to their profit. The returns would be commensurate with the lack of prejudice, respect for their ideals, their racial temper, their centuries old institutions, their ideas of morality and the arts, their standards of authority. The law would seem to be giving what we have in a way to advantage them and receive from them such resources of mind and soil and intercourse as we can use. It is not so much a question of the white man's control of the Tropics, as their and our sharing with them the resources of the Earth and of man. Slowly the nations are coming to be one great family of peoples whose interests are not antagonistic but common; no one to be exploited, none to be submerged; but each to be free to make its contribution to the family welfare.

LITTLE KNOWN AFRICA

All this has been suggested by reading a report on "Education in Africa" by an Education Commission sent there a year ago. The survey was made by the Phelps-Stokes Fund, under the immediate direction of the United States Bureau of Education. The report discusses the natural resources, health conditions, native capacity and European and American influences as a basis for educational development. As a result of the mission, there are now in, or coming to the United States, delegations of colonial officials, missionaries and educated Africans, to study the activities of the various boards of education funds, Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes, inter-racial education in the South, farm demonstration work, etc. Of resources, Dr. Jones says "there is sufficient evidence of potential wealth to convince the most skeptical that Africa is the undeveloped treasure house of the world." Of health conditions he concludes that "a fair comparison of Africa with other parts of the world (Panama, Cuba, the Philippines, etc.) will undoubtedly show that Africa will respond to modern methods

of sanitation and hygiene in exactly the same way as other continents of similar climatic, economic and social conditions." . . . "The most unfair and unfortunate of all the misunderstandings is to the effect that the African people do not give promise of development sufficient to warrant efforts in their behalf." The commission traveled 25,000 miles through west, south and equatorial Africa, and found that in every colony visited, natives occupy positions of importance—physicians, lawyers, and ministers, of university training; clerical positions in government, industry and commerce; in mechanical operations on railroads and in construction; and in teaching. Of tribal societies he speaks approvingly of their folk-lore, their handicrafts, their native music, their well-adapted forms of government and their linguistic powers. There are recommended, finally, "adaptations of education, its organization and supervision, the seeking out and training of native leaders, the world cooperation for the education of all. Here is a problem in which world-thinking American educators may find an outlet for their enthusiasm. The achievement would be like adding a new asset to civilization-resources of nature and man." R. G. B.

I T had been planned to include in this issue the portraits of County Superintendents; many of these could not be had, and all have been omitted. In connection with the Directory, however, appearing in this issue, will be found the complete list. There are 30

OUR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS hold-overs. In Siskiyou and San Bernardino, recent appointees filling out unexpired terms of their prede-

cessors, were re-elected. Sixteen of the 58 counties, therefore, have new officers. A half dozen well known and long-service superintendents were retired. In 23 counties, women are in charge,—16 hold-overs and seven of the newly elected. Notwithstanding the unfortunate dependence upon popular election in the

choice of this important school officer, California has suffered less in the turn-over than have many states. Through a period of years, about 60 per cent of the officers have had a fairly continuous service. The length of term in this State, too, adds to the permanency. It yet remains true, however, that the average length of service actually attained is little more than the average tenure for teachers generally, say five or six years. Were it not for the somewhat closer supervision by the State Department than most states provide, the effect of frequent changes and the haphazard selection of such officials, the effect upon the schools would be even less satisfactory. Mediocre fitness even for County School Administration is more acceptable if well supervised, than a shifting, isolated, fairly expert service, ill-adjusted to a state-wide, consistent policy running through the years. The News extends congratulations to these men and women and bespeaks for them the confidence of their patrons and devoted service to the educational interests of their constitutents. So far as known, no one of them is in office because of a political bias. All have had teaching experience and under recent legislative provisions should plan for closer supervision of teaching, making the office mainly educational rather than clerical. R. G. B.

HE Board of Education of the San Francisco School Department, has with commendable judgment, asked Deputy Superintendent Archie J. Cloud to serve as acting Superintendent of Schools. The term of Alfred Roncovieri expired on January 8th. No

CLOUD **ACTING** SUPERINTENDENT new selection has been made, and Mr. Cloud has consented to serve until a successor to Mr. Roncovieri is named.

Superintendent Roncovieri has served the city for many years. His has been an elective office. Under the new plan of organization the Superintendent is to be appointed by a Board of Education, now non-salaried. For-

merly the Board was a full-time salaried body. For a considerable period of time Mr. Cloud has been Deputy Superintendent, and in that capacity has always acted as Superintendent during any absence of the Superintendent.

Mr. Cloud is a member of the California Council of Education and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of that body. He is at the present time a member of the State Legislative Committee of the California Teachers' Association; Chairman of the Council Committee on Professional Training of Teachers: Member of the State Committee of Fifteen on High School Survey. He is past Secretary and past President of the Bay Section, California Teachers' Association. He is perfectly familiar with the conditions and needs of the San Francisco schools, and entirely competent to direct the affairs of such a reorganized school system as has been contemplated. He assumes his duties as acting Superintendent with the confidence of the school people of the State.

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DDED to the several recent books on California history noticed in these columns, another has been announced by the American Historical Society. Mr. Bailey Millard will have out within a year a History of the San Francisco Bay Regions.

LOCAL HISTORY

different."

tributor and editor and wields an exceptionally facile pen. It is promised to be "something Historical accuracy will not be sacrificed: but the ruts of the learned annalists, the traditional chronicling of governmental legalisms and much heralded official doings, will be avoided or given new settings.

Mr. Millard is by training a news-

paper writer, magazine con-

The author promises "to throw a little of the story-teller and the newspaper writer" into the work. It will be something worth while to see the population of a great and important region in their daily living and doing, their several attitudes toward life and institutions and their marvelous natural environment, their cosmo-

politanism and the social standards. These are not the things conceived of by the trained and manacled historian. They elude his calculated and narrowly political record. Yet, beyond laws and rulers and contractual intercourse and the prescriptions of authority, they shape our living and express our faiths. The attempt to chronologize a people in their development is but superficial. History as generally written is academic and time-bound. It is merely a record, not the thing itself. We come to apprehend laws and names and official acts, the impositions of authority, the time and nature of conquests and domination; but there is no image of the ideals and behavior of the people in their homes and social groups and occupations and ideals. Yet these constitute the business of living and achieving. From them are derived governments and constitutions and parties and established public order. They are basic; and he would render a real service to us who can image to us the privatest and personal and day-by-day virtues and aspirations; the frailties indeed, the moral and civic vagrancies of a people. Mr. Millard's press experience, his evident featuring skill, if accompanied with a true history sense of conditioning influences, should make the History of the Bay Regions have something of the atmosphere of an original document.

R. G. B.

ROM many sources there comes favorable comment of the great educational meetings held in Los Angeles in December.

When the returns are all canvassed, one of the most significant sessions seems to have been that of the Schoolmasters' Club. The first speaker was Dr. McMurry A WARNING and almost at once he NOTE launched into a calm, deliberate characterization of the

test and measurement mania now so much in the popular mind. Dr. McMurry declared his belief in the value of educational tests moderately used by those who understand them and know how. He expressed the opinion that with

proper evaluation of the worth and scope of tests, the work would grow and the effects be far-reaching for good. He deplored, however, the loose manner in which these tests are now used by many and disclaimed the sweeping claims made for them by some of the so-called experts whose enthusiasm is beyond their educational understanding. Like many a new idea, or well-tried, old principle given modern scientific trend and treatment, it has reached an extreme and re-action is now resulting. In a dispassionate but searching way, Dr. Mc-Murry analyzed the test and the testor. He showed how impossible it is to measure and evaluate and catalogue certain intangible qualities and attributes of the human mind through mechanical means.

That this address struck a responsive chord, was evidenced in no way better than the fact that each succeeding speaker laid aside his text and prepared speech, that he might add his "me too" to the pronouncements of Dr. McMurry. Dr. Lindley of Kansas in an unprejudiced way showed how some real dangers were resulting from over-zealous work in the field of testing. Dr. Halleck, Mr. Foley, and Superintendent Wood all spoke out in no uncertain terms. The latter showed that the most prominent exponents of scientific measurement—our best-known specialists in this line -had frequently to reverse themselves in their findings. This in itself may not be an argument against tests and measurements. It illustrated, however, need for caution. Incalculable harm may be done the boy or girl unless great care is exercised. Improper tests and false conclusions may tend to ruin a pupil's spirit and so discourage and dishearten as to make it impossible for him to do his best work and later adjust himself to his proper place with his fellows. The professional testor seems not yet to fully realize that there are some phases of the human mind that do not lend themselves to a mathematical rating. A. H. C.

National Department of Superintendence, Cleveland, Ohio, February 24—March 2.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE BOY WHO IS WITHOUT VOCATIONAL AMBITION

CHESTER M. SANFORD

Vocational Lecturer-Redfern Lyceum Bureau

REQUENTLY parents and teachers are distracted with boys who persistently refuse to entertain a serious purpose in life. To appeal to them is extremely difficult as they seem to be without either interest or ambition. So far as worth-while things are concerned, they are devoid of enthusiasm. Any attempt to stimulate them, to plan their lives is disheartening, as such planning would require thought on their part, and they are too lazy or unconcerned to think. Should solicitude on the part of parents or teachers cause them to press the matter, in all likelihood they would receive from each the following reply: "Oh, quit your preaching at me; don't bother me." And this retort precisely expresses their attitude, for they do not want to be bothered. They refuse to be made uncomfortable. For them to drift with the current is so much easier than to row against it that they insist on drifting. They aptly express their feelings when they say: "Shucks, why should we worry?"

To parents and teachers who see life in its larger significance, boys possessed of this attitude toward life are a source of grave concern. Conscious that the bread lines in our great cities and the cells in our prisons are filled with men, who, when boys held precisely this viewpoint, they feel that something must be done. But what can they do? The first temptation is to resort to nagging; which, it is needless to say, results in failure.

If we are to assist boys of this type, we must first diagnose their cases that we may discover the causes for the malady that has overtaken them.

This diagnosis should begin with a careful examination of the health of the boy under consideration. If, for any reason, a boy hasn't good health, he can hardly be expected to be alert, responsive, and ambitious. Often with the removal of his adenoids or diseased tonsils, he is transformed. In some cases properly adjusted glasses have so improved the boy's vision as to change his entire attitude toward life. In other cases the colorless, listless boy is found to be suffering from heart leakage or faulty elimination.

A worth-while examination of a boy's health should, of course, take into account his per-

sonal habits. Though fond parents are loath to entertain the thought, nevertheless, selfabuse is the source of difficulty in multitudes of cases. This habit, that is much more prevalent than many would think, is sure to rob a boy of the will power and aggressiveness so essential in any serious attempt to attack and solve life's problems. Usually the first step toward instilling life-career motives within a boy who is a victim of this habit is to break the habit. In some cases, however, it is possible by patient effort to help a boy to form such a clean-cut vision of his life work that the life-career motive will help him to break the habit. This is particularly the case where it has recently been formed. If on the other hand, the habit is of long standing, the boy's will power has become so weakened as to make it impossible for him steadily to cling to a life-career ideal long enough to break the

Or a boy may have formed the cigarette habit. That is even more universal and almost as deadening. It is a recognized fact that a boy's heart continues to grow until he is nineteen; in other words, the full-grown boy of seventeen or eighteen hasn't a fully developed heart. For boys to form the cigarette habit before they have reached nineteen or twenty is especially injurious as it retards and often actually stops the growth of the heart. It is self-evident then that a boy with defective heart action is handicapped in his effort to meet life's problems. True, after a boy has smoked a cigarette, he is likely to be "full of pep," but soon a reaction sets in that calls for Thus the boy who has another cigarette. formed this habit lacks the steady purpose that is so essential to success. He may excel as a day dreamer, but lacks the pluck and endurance to make these dreams come true.

Furthermore, our diagnosis should include a study of the manner in which a boy spends his leisure hours. If he is found to loaf around pool rooms, it is little wonder that he lacks vocational ambition. Unfortunately in the average pool room, he comes under the influence of a gang of idle drifters who do little else than "live off the old man." The members of this gang, lacking ambition to go through high school themselves, are naturally

so jealous of those who continue in school that frequently they taunt and jeer them. Even for boys with well defined vocational ideals, these taunts are difficult to withstand; but for aimless lads, who because of their aimlessness, are mere putty moulded and shaped by every passing whim, such taunts in most cases are disastrous. In the light of the above, then, parents and teachers who desire their young people to attain the heights, must exercise great tact and diligence to keep them under the influence of those who radiate life ideals, rather than those who destroy them.

Few agencies are more effective in the destruction of worth-while aspirations on the part of our boys and girls than a majority of the moving pictures now shown. For every picture that inspires and elevates, there are two that dwarf and degrade. All that most films require of the observer is that he sit passively and permit himself to be lifted out of the realm of fact into one of fancy. For persons in middle life who are finding life's battles severe and its colors somber, this dissipation may be excusable, but for the Twentieth Century youth whose imagination already is extremely active this over stimulation unfits him so to plan his life that it is within the realm of actual accomplishment.

Loath as we are to admit it, we are forced at times to the conviction that much in modern American life is militating against the best interests of the rising generation. Give a boy a car, spending money, leisure, cigarettes, sex movies, the modern dance, pool in public pool rooms, and the type of literature now so much in evidence on our news stands, and at the same time expect him to step forth with clear vision, knotted muscles, and a will power that will enable him to overcome all the obstacles in his way seems highly absurd. And yet is not that precisely what we are doing?

Many young men lack life-career ambitions

because of the limitation of their vocational horizon. Especially is this true of those who live in the open country or in small towns. So situated, they have no opportunity to study first hand many vocations. Possible the very field of industry for which they are best fitted is so remote that they have never come in contact with it. For example, how can a boy whose dominant ability is mechanical discover himself and develop a vocational ambition if he lives in a village in which there isn't a factory or mill? In fact, I have known of several small-town loafers who became transformed by attending trade schools where they found the lines of work that appealed to them.

In the light of the above, parents should spare no pains in their efforts to enlarge the vocational horizon of young men who lack ambition and vision. Benjamin Franklin once said this of his father: "My father every now and then took me walking with him, and as we walked together we observed printers, tradesmen, carpenters, turners, and braziers at their work, and as we did so my father studied me to see if he could discover where my interests were that he choose for me a life work." Had Franklin's father contented himself with nagging at his boy no doubt he would have killed all his vocational ambition. When, however, he took the time intelligently to enlarge the boy's vocational horizon, he saw as a natural result the birth of life-career ambitions.

Remembering then that in every community there are, on the one hand, influences that chloroform the ambitions and paralyze the will power of youth, and on the other hand, forces that stimulate ambition and energize the will, our duty as parents and teachers is plain. Lofty life-career ambitions very naturally grow amid a suitable environment. Whose business is it to provide that environment?

MULTIPLE (?) ATTENTION AND EDUCATIONAL EFFICIENCY

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THE reader of this article may discover that its caption is a misnomer. We have attempted to save ourselves, however, by placing a question mark after "multiple." Perhaps the question mark is the most appropriate part of the title since we are treating a topic that is full of questions.

Of course, everyone knows what attention is.

The psychologists say that it is a focusing of consciousness and that it is naturally accompanied by certain easily recognized bodily attitudes. We need only to observe the behavior of individuals when they are intensely interested to know what the signs of attention usually are. We need not depend on the wisdom of psychologists.

Occasionally, however, we witness complicated forms of human behavior which seem to indicate the possibility of multiple attention. History records that a few geniuses like Caesar and Napoleon possessed the marvelous ability of dictating six or more letters simultaneously. We are not prepared to pass expert judgment on this bit of history. We do not know just how rapid the stenographers were in those earlier times, and since stenographers in these modern times are extraordinarily speedy, we should probably look elsewhere than among dictators of correspondence for examples of simultaneous action and multiple attention.

Perhaps the best examples to be cited are those which may be observed in almost any co-educational convention. All of us no doubt excepting those of us who possess the extraordinary capacity for multiple attention-have marveled at the feats of manual skill which school ma'ams are able to display while giving attention to learned discourses on the latest discoveries in educational science. This, indeed, is an extraordinary accomplishment. Less difficult feats are not infrequently heralded as marvelous. Only this month in the Scientific American is an article entitled "Doing Two Things At Once." The several things, however, which Miss Melba, the stage performer, is able to do simultaneously have each, through previous practice, become automatic. All that is necessary in order to keep them going at the same time is to cause the attention to fluctuate successively from one to another. At any given instant, no doubt, her attention is really a single focus of consciousness. Anyway, this is the explanation given by the psychologists.

But what shall we say of the school ma'ams who sew or knit or embroider most artistically while hearing and comprehending every word that falls from the lips of the institute speaker? Perhaps the attention they give is truly multiple. Of course, the elements of their work in hand have become more or less automatic. But attention to the co-ordinated acts cannot be entirely eliminated.

We feel, therefore, that these seeming evidences of multiple attention are suitable for scientific investigation. Up to the present time, no exhaustive research studies in this particular field have been undertaken. Would anyone be surprised to find that those who are capable of this type of multiple attention possess the strongest and most controllable

minds of the entire teaching profession? What if we should discover a very high degree of correlation between manual activities during institute programs and teaching efficiency in general! Of course, all of us have opinions, but these need to be verified. At present, the director cannot find time to engage in the type of research suggested above. He wishes, however, to submit the following list of items which should be considered in such a study:

- 1. An authentic roster of those who habitually evidence "multiple attention." This will probably include not more than 10% of any school faculty. One superintendent has suggested that the institute attendance card might well have space for recording the number of sessions through which the attendant did handwork.
- 2. Data concerning the comparative extent to which these "multiple attention" people are interested in different topics. This may be obtained in a variety of ways. Conversation is one good method. A person is likely to talk a great deal along the lines of greatest interests. The bodily attitudes of an auditor when different topics are being discussed is also indicative of interests. If the auditor gradually ceases her knitting as the speaker works up to the climax of a good story and finally ceases her manual activities altogether, her interests are of one type; but if, on the other hand, she continues her knitting and never raises her eyes to the speaker, her interests are probably of an entirely different type. Another brand of interest is indicated when the auditor drops her handwork abruptly and cheers the speaker for declaring that teachers must be paid higher salaries.

For want of space, we cannot continue the list of possible data having a bearing on this special problem. Needless to say, a complete list should contain such items as intelligence levels, professional training, professional growth, products of teaching, refinement in manners, and courtesy in general.

The Department of Research will be glad to cooperate with anyone who wishes to work on this special problem.

(On the following page is the second of a series of three articles on Action Drawing prepared expressly by Mr. Augsburg for the Sierra Educational News. Mr. Augsburg's sudden death was chronicled in our January issue, page 53. The third article will appear in a subsequent issue.—Editor.)

THE VERTICAL, HORIZONTAL AND OBLIQUE DIRECTIONS By D. R. AUGSBURG

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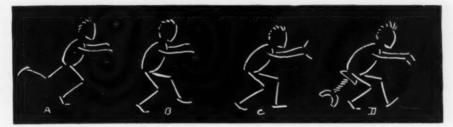


Fig. 1

THE vital element in action drawing is direction.

Direction relates to lines, for it is through the direction of the line that action is represented.

Take the four boys in Fig. 1 as an example. The head, body, arms and one leg of each are alike. The directions of the other leg, one hand and a foot are all that were changed to represent such diverse actions as running, dancing, catching a ball and playing a piano.

There are three directions: the vertical, the

horizontal and the oblique. These directions are represented by straight lines, inward curved lines and outward curved lines.

In Fig. 2 the arms and legs of A are vertical; of B, horizontal; of C. oblique; of H, inward curved; and of I, outward curved. By combining these lines—the straight and the curved—practically the whole range of animate action can be represented. Observe in F the action of the inward and outward curves alternating. The same combination is also shown in G. H. I and J.

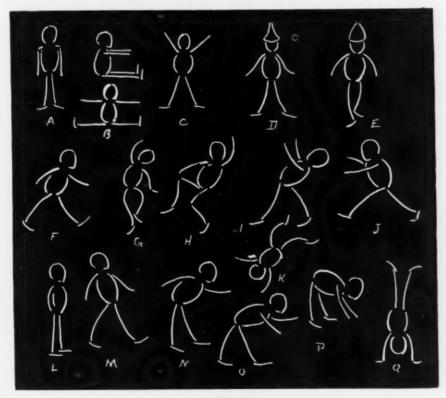


Fig. 2

Not only the arms and legs may be vertical, horizontal and oblique, but the body and head as well. In L of Fig. 2, for instance, the body and head are vertical. In M and N they are oblique, and in O and P nearly horizontal.

Action drawing is best taught through the copy; all other ways are difficult. A very good method is shown in Fig. 3.

Draw on the blackboard an armless boy similar to A, and let the class draw the same. Add horizontal arms, as in B. Then, after the class has followed suit, review the drawing from a distance of six or eight feet and, if necessary, make corrections.

Now erase the arms and draw them vertical, as in C. Erase again and make them vertically downward, as in A of Fig. 2. Then draw them obliquely downward (D, Fig. 3), and obliquely upward, as in E.

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F and G show how the three directions of the arms, in both inward and outward curves, may be added to A in the same manner. The curves are alternated in the second row.

By learning and using the three directions in this manner an orderly variety is gained, and the pupil knows what to do with the arms and legs when drawing the human figure in action.

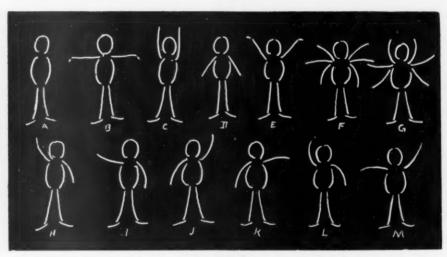


Fig. 3

WHY JOIN THE C. T. A.?

President California Teachers' Association and California Council of Education

TO THE TEACHERS OF CALIFORNIA:

PRESIDENT Busch has requested me to discuss with you the question why each teacher should be a member of the California Teachers' Association.

The California Teachers' Association is the outstanding teachers' organization of California, composed of more than 16,000 teachers. It operates through six sections, and a Council of Education. It is most nearly of all teachers' organizations a state-wide society. Its aims and purposes are state-wide. It tries to do the work that a state organization ought to do. It operates on the theory that teaching is a profession, the greatest of all professions. It came into being as an expression of the fact

that human progress depends upon human thinking and human effort; and that human progress advances most rapidly as the result of united and enlightened effort. Who should belong to the California Teachers' Association? Each and every teacher. Why? Because teachers are members of a great profession, and because of what needs to be done by the profession, for the professor and for the state.

What does it cost? Membership costs 300/365 of a cent a day, or \$3.00 a year. The fee is divided and the local section retains and uses \$1.00, and \$2.00 is paid to the state organization. The purposes for which the dollar fee is to be used by the section are set forth in

the program of this annual meeting. The state organization uses its \$2.00 fee to publish an official Journal which is sent to each member of the Association; to maintain offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles, and to render every kind of service that needs to be performed by such an organization. What has this organization done? Its greatest achievement is intangible, but real and potential. It has broken down provinciality in a very large measure and has replaced it with mutual understanding, mutual effort, and community of purpose. It has laid broad and deep the foundation for a united California, and has written into popular understanding and popular support its battle cry: equality of educational opportunity for every child, made possible by levying the taxes where wealth is, and by distributing the money thus secured where the children are. Tangible, outstanding achievements are:

1. A tenure law which, while imperfect, is nevertheless a great improvement over the old condition which prevailed when dismissal was possible at any time and for any cause or for no cause.

2. The establishment of a Retirement Salary system. This system has been in operation between nine and ten years. Under its beneficent sway more than 800 aged teachers have retired and are each enjoying a salary of \$500.00 a year in their old age. Moreover, the permanent fund has grown from nothing to more than \$1,300,000.00 in that time and is steadily increasing.

3. The C. T. A. made the greatest campaign of 1920 for constitutional amendment No. 16, which amendment to the State Constitution lifted the heavy hand of poverty from the rural schools of California.

There is much to be done. There will always be much to do if progress is to continue. Teachers must lead. They cannot afford to plod at the rear in the march of human progress.

The forces of selfishness and of reaction are always active. Therefore we must fight eternally to hold the ground we have already won. Besides holding the ground already occupied, we must go on to higher ground.

In the immediate future there is great need for laws which will secure decent living quarters for more than 700 teachers who are trying to teach school in the rural schools of California, but are hindered by unfit living conditions.

Likewise, there is need for a law which authorizes the schools to furnish food to children at noon at actual cost. This neglect of a great duty and of great opportunity is costing the state a fabulous sum that is worse than wasted. Undernourished children cannot develop properly, nor do average work. They are retarded in their own development, and retard the progress of all children and increase the cost of education very greatly.

The Association needs to perfect its Placement Bureau, so that it may help every deserving teacher find a place whenever the teacher is unemployed.

The Association must improve its official Journal.

The Association must study the problems of education, and must be ready to help solve them in the right way.

To do this work, requires money. The work cannot be done by one nor by a few. It can be done by all at a very moderate expense to each. Those who stay out, who refuse to help, simply lay their share of the great load on the shoulders of those who are members. The advantages which result from the work of the Association flow in almost equal measure to those who join and to those who refuse to join.

It seems that the fine sense of justice which rules in the lives of all of us should inspire each of us to join the California Teachers' Association.

TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT OF N. E. A.

The following telegram was sent by President Owen of the N. E. A. to the C. T. A., Southern Section, recently in session at Los Angeles:

California Teachers' Association, Southern Section:

The National Education Association extends cordial greetings to the teachers of the Southern Section of the California Teachers' Association and wishes this Association the greatest meeting in its history. There are striking

evidences of progress in professional organization and in education generally throughout the country. Continued progress can be insured through the organizated educational forces of the Association. The National Association suggests that you adopt some such slogan as "a membership of 250,000 and a 100 per cent service to the profession," and that plans be made for special trains to the great meeting in Oakland-San Francisco, July 1-7. The National Association appreciates the support and cooperation of the teachers of the Southern Section of the California Teachers' Association.

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RADIOGRAM TO HIGH SCHOOLS CHAS. E. RUGH

(Through special arrangements of Principal H. O. Williams of Tracy, the "San Francisco Examiner" sent by radio a short talk by Professor Rugh to the high schools equipped with radio receiving apparatus. The following is the talk .- Ed.)

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OOD MORNING, Fellow Students! I In these interesting and confusing times every normal person wants to learn to be a student. Our familiarity with language somewhat lessens our appreciation of the wonderful inventions for communicating language. The telegraph, the telephone and the radio have almost eliminated the space and time obstacles to fellowship with our friends.

The thoughts I have here in San Francisco which I desire you to think about miles away cause movements in my brain. These movements travel down nerves to the vocal cords at a rate estimated at over three hundred feet per second. When these movements jump, from the vocal cords into the air they travel at a rate of over one thousand feet per second. The radio machine here is tuned to receive them at this rate, but when they jump from the radio machine they travel on the wings of electricity at the enormous rate of over one hundred eighty-six thousand miles per second. The radio machine where you sit is tuned to catch these movements at that rate. It tunes them down to about one thousand feet per second; your ears are tuned to catch them at this slow rate. The ears further transform these movements so that they can travel along the auditory nerves to the brain which is tuned to receive them. Your brains are also tuned to transform these movements so that your mind can translate them into lan-

Our greatest privilege, as well as our greatest duty, therefore, is to study to tune our brains and minds to be sensitive and responsive to the forces that make for a true, a beautiful, and a good life. How this view of study dignifies school life! This was the view of the great student and scientist Agassiz, when he said: "The scientists are the persons who learn to think God's thoughts after Him." In this connection, you will be interested in reading Ralph Waldo Trine's "In Tune with the Infinite."

I thank you.

WHAT CAN A PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION DO?

MRS. HARRY J. EWING, President

HERE are a few suggestive programs:

1. A study of the school system, emphasizing new features or features of special local interest, through model lessons given to pupils or parents, addresses by school officials, etc.

- A study of the school's or the children's needs, and possible methods of supplying them.
- 3. A study of pupil government and other democratic methods of school management and discussions of corresponding methods in the home. Talks by pupils acting as officers, demonstrations, etc., are helpful.
- 4. A study of the attendance problem and an effort to lessen absence or tardiness.
- 5. A study of delinquency and its causes, with suggestions for prevention.
- A study of laws relating to children and schools, with discussion of proposed and needed legislation.
- 7. A study of education and leisure, including discussions of movies, dances, music, art, literature, etc.
- 8. A study of the care and training of children of pre-school years.
- 9. An effort to improve the health of the children by attention to nutrition, exercise, fresh air, correction of defects, etc., with tests and records to show gain.
- 19. A thrift campaign with instruction as to best ways of saving food, clothing, money, time, energy, etc.
- 11. A "safety first" campaign, as carried on for pupils.
- 12. Voluntary aid to schools—play or lunch supervision, management of after-school dramatic or debating clubs in elementary schools, chaperoning of parties, trips, etc.
- Special visits to schools, open days, etc., with opportunities for questions and discussions.
- 14. Americanization work in foreign districts and special efforts to develop neighborly feeling in mixed communities.
- 15. Plans for making school work of children function in homes, particularly manual training, sewing, cooking and art.

Note—For information and literature helpful for organization purposes, address State Extension Chairman, Mrs. J. B. Roe, Box 305, Pasadena, Calif., or State President, Mrs. Harry J. Ewing, 70 East William Street, San Jose, Calif.

MEETING OF SOUTHERN SECTION CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

THE twenty-ninth annual session of the C. T. A., Southern Section, met at Los Angeles, December 20, 21 and 22. The County and City Institutes meeting at this time were Imperial, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, and the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Pomona, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Santa Monica. Separate joint Institutes were held on December 18, 19 and 20.

An especially rich and varied program was presented this year. President George C. Bush. with the help of Secretary Thurston and the members of the Executive Committee, worked unceasingly in the interest of the Association. In addition to the general sessions there were section meetings comprising the following departments: Agriculture, Americanization, Art, Classical, Commercial, Educational Research, English, Geography, Higher Education, Home Economics, Journalism, Junior College, Kindergarten, Library, Modern Language, Music, Oral Arts, Penmanship, Physical Education, Teachers of Mexican Children, Science and Mathematics, Social Science, Spanish, Girls' Advisors, Vocational Education.

Owing to the large number of meetings and the variety of programs, it will be impossible to include even a digest of the address, papers and discussions. The significant thing about the meeting was the large number of prominent speakers from outside the state. These included such well-known authorities as Julia Wade Abbott of the Bureau of Education. Washington, who was always prominent in discussing problems of Kindergarten-Primary Education; Dr. B. R. Baumgardt, popular and scientific lecturer; Dr. H. R. Bonner, Director of Educational Research, Bureau of Education. Washington; Dr. W. A. Cook, University of South Dakota; Dr. Hollis Dann, State Supervisor of Music for Pennsylvania: Dr. Andrew W. Edson, Associate Superintendent of New York City Schools; Dr. E. M. Haggerty, Dean of the Department of Education, University of Minnesota; Dr. Frederick Monson, lecturer; Dr. W. W. Theison, President Educational Research Association, Milwaukee Public Schools; Professor Arthur L. Owen, University of Kansas. Of college presidents there were three who were always in demand and whose addresses were instructive and inspiring in the highest degree. These were Presidents E. B. Bryan, Ohio University; L. D. Coffman, University of Minnesota; E. H. Lindley, Chancellor Kansas University. Dr. Frank McMurray of Teachers' College, Columbia University, was a host in himself and contributed in large degree to the success of the meeting. The dean of educational editors and lecturers, Dr. A. E. Winship, was at his best and was received with enthusiasm everywhere. Mr. James W. Foley, famous as a humorist, philosopher and writer of poetry and prose, entertained and instructed wherever he appeared before an audience. Of local and state speakers, there were: State Superintendent Will C. Wood; Commissioner of Secondary Education A. C. Olney; Stanley B. Wilson, State Board of Education; Mark Keppel, President California Council of Education; Dr. Frank Touton, University of Southern California; Dean C. H. Rieber, Southern Branch, University of California; Miss Mary E. Sweeny, Executive Secretary American Home Economics Association; Harr Wagner, editor Western Journal of Education; Mr. J. B. Nash, Supervisor Physical Education, Oakland.

The Southern Section of the California Teachers' Association has for some years been so large that three general meetings are carried on at the same time. All of these meetings were crowded. During the first three days of the week, while the individual Institutes were in session, various speakers were upon these local programs, thus offering to the people at home almost as rich a feast as they experienced at the Association proper.

There were exhibits at Los Angeles, well deserving the examination and attention of all visiting teachers. The list of firms making the exhibits will be found elsewhere in this issue. The displays were in the Grand Avenue School. Of banquets and luncheons there were many. These including the Commercial and English Sections; the Home Economics; Kindergarten-Primary; Library; Modern Language; Music; Physical Education Sections. The Los Angeles High Teachers' Association banqueted, as did the School Masters' Club and the School Women's Time to Time Club. Other organizations meeting around the table were: The Oral Arts Association and the Association of Drama Teachers; the Student Branch of the California Scholarship Federation; American Association of Teachers of Spanish; Vice Principals and Girls' Advisors' Sections; the Vocational and Part-Time Section, and the Association of School Secretaries and Business Managers of Southern California.

The annual business meeting of the section was held on December 21, with President George C. Bush presiding. A splendid report of progress was made by Secretary Thurston, the most important matter referred to being the work of the Registration and Placement Bureau through the branch office in the south.

"We feel," says the report, "that superintendents and principals owe the Association their support and that their vacancies should first be reported to this office or to the appointment secretary at the Universities with whom we are cooperating. Teachers will register with us if they feel that administrators intend to recognize our Bureau."

The financial report by Treasurer Bettinger was read and accepted. This appears elsewhere in this issue. Because of lack of space for the entire text of the report of the Resolutions Committee, Mr. Richardson D. White, chairman, the following condensed statement is submitted:

We reaffirm our faith in the public school system of the state and nation.

We endorse the program of the recent superintendent's convention for legislature:

In validation of high school districts under the Eden Act;

For the organization of schools into fewer groups for both economy and efficiency; For the provision of teacherages and dormitories, and school lunches where nec-

essary.

For permitting one district to perform educational service for another district. The strengthening of the Retirement Salary Act, by increasing the contributions from teachers and the State, and increasing the retiring allowance.

Amending the Registration of Minor's Act. In addition we urge legislation providing for the better organization, maintenance and administration of evening schools and all adult education.

The work of the Parent-Teachers' Association was commended; the Single Salary Schedule for Elementary and High School teachers of equal training and experience was urged; the Towner-Sterling Bill was endorsed, and the value of the clean motion picture in education was emphasized.

Endorsement was given to the University of California, Southern Branch, for its junior college success; the work of the extension division and the summer session, and recommendations made to the Legislature for liberal financial provision for its support, and the Board of Regents petition to establish at an early date upper division courses, leading to degrees in the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Two especially important matters received attention, as follows:

A Square Deal to All

Inasmuch as we believe in equalizing educational opportunities for pupils and teachers, and inasmuch as some California city school systems require that teachers shall have had one or more years of teaching experience elsewhere, in fairness to rural school children and to inexperienced teachers, we urge Boards of Education to rescind the rules requiring teaching experience.

Registration and Placement Bureau

The Registration and Placement Bureau of the California Teachers' Association is doing a needed and commendable work. We approve the principle and favor the strengthening and development of this activity of our Association through the State Office at San Francisco, and the Branch Offices at Berkeley and Los Angeles.

There were the usual expressions of appreciation, and these, with certain supplementary matters offered from the floor, were unanimously adopted with the body of the resolutions

Chairman H. T. Clifton of the Election Board reported the results of the official ballot, showing the adoption of the proposed budget and the carrying of the proposed amendment to the Constitution. The officers chosen were as follows: Mr. Walter B. Crane, President; Mr. Paul Stewart, Vice President; Mr. George E. Bettinger, Treasurer; these to serve for the year 1923.

ARTHUR H. CHAMBERLAIN.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION, C. T. A.

GEORGE E. BETTINGER, Treasurer

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Contributions, Refunds, Advertising, etc 1,6	07.88
Cooperating Cities and	
Counties 2,3	392.50
Memberships 24,8	371.96
Interest accrued on deposits	
from Dec. to Oct. incl	179.64
Balance 1920-21 1,6	31.15
Total	

Disbursements:

Executive Committee\$	284.89
Secretary and Auditor's	
Salaries	2,640.53
General Expense-Postage,	
Tel. and Tel	915.31
Clerical services	1,016.97
Travel-Council of Educa-	
tion	1,271.80
Central Office, C. T. A	12,351.00
Paid speakers	4,105.12
Convention	869.05
Music	50.00
Printing	1,676.10
Rent	1,325.00
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Total	

Total	*************	\$26,505.77
	on hand Nov, 4, '22	3,577.36
Total		30,084.13

LIST OF EXHIBITORS AT SOUTHERN SECTION, C. T. A.

Exhibits in Grand Avenue School, Los Angeles, December 17-22, 1922

December 17-22, 1922 Allyn and Bacon & Co. D. Appleton & Co. Argus Enterprises Incorporated. Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. of California. Braun Corporation. F. E. Compton & Co. George F. Cram Co. Dixon Crucible Co. Educational Project-O Film Co. Electrical Products Corporation. Ginn & Co. D. C. Heath & Co. Houghton-Mifflin Co. Laidlow Bros. The MacMillan Co. Mr. L. E. Martindale. Maxwell Shade Co. McConnell Map Co. Milton Bradley Co. Pacific Amusement Supply Co. Pacific School Supply House. Rand McNally Co. B. H. Sanborn & Co. Scott, Foresman & Co. Spencer Rhythmical Penmanship. Charles Scribner & Sons. Spencer Lens Co. Universal Handigraf Co. Visual Text Book Publishing Co. Harr Wagner Publishing Co.

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THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRESS

THE one department of our public school system which systematically and definitely trains the child's moral and spiritual nature as well as the intellect, is the kindergarten.

Unfortunately, only one in nine of our children is now receiving this educational advantage to which all are clearly entitled. The reason for this, in many communities, is a false sense of economy. While we, as a people, are spending \$3,500,000 a day on our criminal classes, it behooves us to provide ethical and spiritual training for our little ones to start them on the straight path.

Having been aroused to a realization of the value of this early training to the child and the nation, many organizations interested in civic progress are now working to secure, in their respective states, the enactment of laws which provide for the establishment of kindergarten upon petition of parents. Such a law has in six years raised California from ninth to first place among the state of the Union in the matter of providing education for its youngest children of school age. The states where attempts are being made to secure progressive kindergarten legislation are Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington.

THE READING LIST

MENTION has been made of the purpose to submit a list of twenty-five books for pupils in the elementary grades of school. The librarians and teachers have agreed upon the following:

Alcott: Little Women. Anderson: Fairy Tales.

Aesop's Fables. Arabian Nights.

Carroll: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and Through the Looking Glass.

Dickens: Christmas Carol. Dodge: Hans Brinker.

Hagedon: Boy's Life of Theodore Roosevelt.

Hawthorne: Wonder Book. Irving: Rip Van Winkle. Kipling: Jungle Book.

Kipling: Jungle Book. Lamb: Tales from Shakespeare. Mallory: Boy's King Arthur.

Mother Goose.

Nicolay: Boy's Life of Abraham Lincoln. Pyle: Merry Adventures of Robin Hood. Seton: Wild Animals I Have Known.

Spyri: Heidi.

Stevenson (Burton E.): Home Book of Verse for Young Folks.

Stevenson (R. L.): Child's Garden of Verses, and Treasure Island.

Twain: Tom Sawyer.

Van Loon: The Story of Mankind.

Wiggin: Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.

It is interesting to note that but three books were on the Teachers' List—Riis, The Making of an American; Baldwin, Fifty Famous Stories; and Eggleston, Stories of Great Americans; and but three on the Librarians' List—Dickens, David Copperfield; Grimm Household Stories: and Wyss, Swiss Family Robinson; that did not appear on the joint list—a remarkable concurrence of judgment.

A TEACHERS' READING CIRCLE

THE Reading Circle for teachers was first or-THE Reading Circle for teachers. Teachers' Association, and has had an unbroken record of service. Mr. O. T. Corson, former State School Commissioner, is authority for the statement that its average membership has been not less than 5000. Since then thirty-two other states have adopted it and many thousand teachers have found it an efficient means of self-improvement. In the May number of the Sierra Educational News may be found a review of the Reading Circle organizations and their adaptability to California conditions. Whether it be by organized effort among groups of teachers, or by individual interest. teachers and teaching would be improved by a richer acquaintance with any real literature. It calls for no argument that teachers should be familiar with any original, or critical. authoritative publications in their own special field of instruction; with accepted discussions of the big educational problems facing the schools: and with the teachings of contributing knowledges. But beyond these, every successful Reading Circle includes great books of history and literature—the stories of man's thinking and ideals and his upcoming through the centuries. These give insight and power of interpretation. and expanded vision, making for culture. Much such reading can best be done alone; helpful reactions and stimulation come from club and group readings and discussion,

GUIDE TO READING

I T goes without saying that one of the abiding purposes of every teacher should be the building up of a personal collection of books as a private library. It makes little difference what access one may have to public or school libraries, one's working library must be where one's personal work and study are done.

There was issued recently by the Bureau of Research in Education, Department of Education, University of California, "A Guide to Readings in Civic Education." It is the result of a long continued seminar study under the direction of Dr. Alexis F. Lange. It includes nearly 500 entries, under the four general heads of Society, Government. Education and Civic teaching. Brief comments accompany each reference giving its distinguishing character.



[In this column there will appear from month to month, as may seem called for, brief notes or queries from teachers—concise, helpful personal expressions of valuation and judgment, upon local or state educational affairs of general interest.]

The Southern Section

To the Editor:

THE recent program of the C. T. A., Southern Section, was so highly gratfying that I venture to send you a brief comment. Contact with such minds as Dr. L. D. Coffman, Dr. E. B. Bryan and James W. Foley yields a vision of the bigness of life formerly beyond his ken. Several speakers preached optimism, the forgetting of disagreeable things and removing with a smile; or as one of them put it, "Sing while you milk, and the cow gives cream.' Again we were reminded of our failure to put our ideal across. The boy's definition of the Equator as "a menagerie lion running around the earth" was a fault of the teacher rather than the pupil. The teacher, too, must supply adequate motives in place of ossified facts; with proper presentation the child will learn almost anything. As an illustration, lame maybe, of the writer's quota of pocketed inspiration, the following lines evolved:

Man Cannot Live by Bread Alone

Man cannot live by bread alone,
The Master said in words of love;
The Father dwells upon His throne,
And gives us manna from above.

Men cannot live by bread alone, The soul must needs be finer fed; God lives forever on His throne, And nothing is forever dead.

Man cannot live by bread alone,
The echo carries through the years;
Our food comes down from Heav'n above,
The love that casteth out all fears.
—A. M. I.

Professional Training of Teachers

Selma, California. Jan. 15, 1925.

DEAR EDITOR—I was very interested in the article written by the committee on "Professional Training of Teachers" but was rather surprised in regard to subdivision 2 of f. From the view expressed in the article it would seem that our teachers' Colleges are granting Certificates which undoubtedly are easily obtained and therefore it is becoming necessary to test a teacher practically eight years to see that they are fit for permanent certification.

What is the reason for such a length of time as sixty months to determine who are really worthy of a permanent certification?

The committee's deep interest for progressive measures has undoubtedly influenced their mental balance.

I am sure I express the reaction of the teaching body having found that every teacher I have asked about it feels the same way as I do.

The committee might better apply their time to a great many conditions that exist today to make the teachers life a little more livable.

I would suggest that their attention be called to this fact and I know no better way than to ask that you place this article in your "From The Field" column.

AN INTERESTED TEACHER.

Call for Physical Education Supervisor

THE United States Civil Service Commission will hold an examination for specialist in Physical Education and School Hygiene, applications to close Feb. 27, 1923.

Duties.—The appointee, under general administrative supervision, will direct the activities of the Division of Physical Education and School Hygiene in the Bureau of Education; conduct studies and gather and organize information in the field of physical education and school hygiene, including health education, hygiene of school management and instruction, and related subjects, and will disseminate such information through publications, correspondence, public addresses, and other appropriate means.

Education.—Applicants must meet both of the following educational requirements:

 Graduation from a college or university of recognized standing.

2. Graduate study in education equivalent to the requirements for the degree of Ph. D. in a graduate school of recognized standing, which study shall include researches in physical education, school hygiene, or related subjects; or, in lieu of such graduate study, there may be submitted either (a) graduation from a medical college of recognized standing, or (b) one year of such graduate study and two years' experience in a responsible supervisory or administrative position in addition to the experience prescribed below.

Experience.—Applicants must meet one of the following experience requirements:

1. At least five years' experience in college or normal school teaching; or

2. At least five years' experience in educational work; of which not less than two years must have been involved supervising or administrative duties. Experience in educational work may include the work of medical inspection, provided the applicant's experience has embraced planning and supervision of health instruction in the schools as well as health inspection.

Writings.—Applicants must submit with their applications published writings upon physical education and school hygiene sufficient in quan-

tity and variety to show:

1. Accurate knowledge of the principles of modern physical education and hygiene. (2) Practical knowledge of programs of physical education and school hygiene. (3) Evidence of individual research and experimentation. (4) Ability to write clearly, accurately, and vigorously.

Salary, \$3000 to \$3500.

Trouble Shooting

(The following memorandum from the Babson Institute and suggestive questions were recently embodied in a memorandum sent to teachers in the Santa Monica Schools by Superintendent Harold Rebok. It deserves consideration.—Editor.)

To Principals and Teachers:

THE Babson Institute of Wellesley Hills, Mass., is a Statistical Research Clearing House for the industrial and commercial associations of America, and is accepted by business men as the highest authority on economic and efficiency problems.

I recently received the following memorandum from the Babson Institute. Kindly read it through and answer to your own satisfaction the questions I have submitted below.

BABSON MEMORANDUM

"Statistics show that worry makes people forget to do things at the proper time; causes columns of figures to be added up wrong; causes accidents of various kinds and that it spoils materials and machinery; nearly every error of this nature reveals a fellow in trouble.

Under the direction of Mr. James I. O'Neill, one of its vice presidents, The Guaranty Trust Company of New York City has proven beyond a doubt that every concern should let it be known that straightening out personal troubles is a part of its business. Mr. O'Neill has never found a "case of trouble" that could not be solved or lightened.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as an institution, has discovered that unless personal troubles are looked after, employees' anxieties will show up in the profit and loss account on the debit side of the ledger. That is the wrong place to deal with them. The right way is to locate anxiety before it causes disaster to the individual. That prevents disaster to the institution.

Another practical aspect of this work is the loyalty it creates in the employees. It reduces the matter of turn-over to a minimum.

Think what this productive plan might save the individual concern, the city and the nation, if this unnecessary wastage was reduced only 10% to 25% in 1923."

QUESTIONS

1. Is your own efficiency impaired by "trouble," by "anxiety," by "worry?"

2. Have you sought to repair the loss by

finding the cause and removing it?

3. What are you doing to remove the "trouble," "anxiety" and "worry" of your associates for whose work you are partly responsible?

- 4. To what extent do "trouble," "anxieties" and "worries" account for unsatisfactory work among your pupils?
- 5. Is not each case of failure or unsatisfactory work an individual problem?
- 6. Have you tried to locate the seat of the "trouble" in the case of each pupil who should be doing a higher standard of work?
- 7. Aside from ill health, are not the "troubles," "anxieties" and "worries" of pupils resolvable into one or both of the following causes?
- Financial limitations that restrict the ambition of the pupil, especially in the social demands upon the pupil,
- b. Social disturbances arising in the home and in the personal experiences of the individual among his or her immediate associates.
- (1.) Among the social disturbances accountable for low standard of work, is not conscious lack of appreciation by teacher and members of the home an important cause of failure?

8. How are you meeting pupil "troubles?"
Telephone companies and automobile factories have "trouble shooters." The Guaranty Trust Company of New York City has discovered that the "trouble shooter" can increase the profits on the ledger account. What could a school department not accomplish if everyone on the job was a "trouble shooter?" "Trouble shooting" is the antithesis of trouble making.

HORACE M. REBOK.

Warning Against Use of Small Type

A WARNING that the extensive use of printing type of smaller dimensions than 10-point is becoming a serious factor among the contributory causes of eye-fatigue and impairment of vision is contained in a communication from The National Committee For the Prevention of Blindness to the various associations of book and periodical publishers, advertisers, printers, school boards, libraries and other large users or producers of printed matter.

The statement calls attention to the fact that, "the use of type smaller than 10-point, not only has a harmful effect on the eyesight of the reader, but often defeats its own purpose by repelling the potential reader who realizes that the reading of such type hurts or tires his eyes." The amount of money lost by advertisers and publishers through the waste circulation that results from the use of type faces difficult to read because of smallness or design, says the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness, is probably greater than the cost of the extra space and paper stock necessary if larger type is used.

Particularly in the case of school books and other publications read by children is the use of small type harmful, the committee says. Reading matter intended for children of any age should never be printed in type smaller than 10-point. The type sizes recommended for children by the National Committee For The

Prevention of Blindness follow:



Education for Intelligent Consumption

MERICAN education must prepare the A worker for intelligent consumption: if it does not do so, a very un-American education will usurp its function in this field. Let the term "education for intelligent consumption" be given a definite connotation. Let it mean education for straight thinking during leisure hours, thinking about industrial, social and economic problems, but thinking which starts with American premises. Let it mean thinking which presupposes a faith in democratic institutions, along with a knowledge of their defects, a willingness to admit coupled with a desire to correct them. More broadly, let it mean a capacity to enjoy the finer things in life, of which unbiased thinking is perhaps the most important .- Philip R. V. Curoe.

Content of Learning

THOUGH it be slowly, both the schools and the public are tending toward sanity in an estimate of the content of schooling. To know things and ideas in relations is better than much unrelated knowledge of any narrow learning.

"A few years ago some phrase-maker coined the expression, 'This is the age of the specialist,' and the word specialization came near driving education out of America. It was worked to death and it is a fortunate thing that the craze died instead of all learning. Everything fits into something else, and the humblest workman who does not know a little about what comes before his work and what follows it cannot possibly perform a service of intelligence. The widest collateral knowledge is sadly limited when we realize that all things are related. Terms are interchangeable and the man who really knows one thing well will learn somewhat of everything, while he who has some knowledge of many things can certainly bring a greater light to bear on any single subject to which he devotes his attention."

The New Humanities

EVIDENCE accumulates that the college of liberal arts must define more broadly its field of the humanities if the arts course is to maintain its place as the integrating force of American university life.

Miss Elsie Murray of Sweet Briar College (Virginia) declares that "the natural heirs to the 'Humanities' of the older curriculum" are the departments of psychology, philosophy and education. To these departments she commits the task of sounding the depths of a problem which she states succinctly as "an astounding ignorance, even in the so-called 'educated' classes, of the simplest conditions of healthy living, mental and physical; childish prejudices against

those outside one's own particular circle, against classes, sects, parties, nations, ideas—equally childish tolerance for one's own pet biases, credulities, and superstitions; an un- (if not anti-) social preoccupation with trivial personal affairs and squabbles, and the trick of shifting responsibility for existing evils upon our neighbors, the government—or God. How can we expect adequately to cope with the social, economic, religious, national or world problems which confront us, until our educators have tackled these fundamental human weaknesses—ignorance, prejudice and inertia—and in some measure overcome them, in the average human being?"—Ginn and Company Bulletin.

Choose an Open Road

L ONG experience of teachers is so often cited as a reason for continuing in service, or as a factor in promotion, that the following bit of "Uncommon Sense" by John Blake is suggestive:

A well-known bank president recently gave this excellent advice:

"Avoid employment in institutions where the seniority rule obtains."

The man, though as capable at forty of being president of a bank as he is now, was little more than a clerk at that age because of the rule that the men longest in service should be given preference in promotion.

The application of this rule would have barred Napoleon from leadership of the armies of France, would have lost Grant to the United States in the Civil War, and would bar half the ablest business executives from the places they now hold.

It is ability, not seniority that counts. If this were not true, any loafer or incompetent need only wait till opportunity piled gold upon his lap.

There would be no incentive for effort; no reward for brains.

As well let seniority rule in art, in literature or on the stage.

As well have said to Michael Angelo:

"You may be an able painter and sculptor and architect, but there are older men than you in Rome, and you shall neither design a cathedral nor decorate it till they are dead.

If you want to rise in the business world, find an employer who judges men on their merits, not by their ages.

It often happens that the very fact that a man has been twenty-five years in one position ought to disqualify him for promotion.

Faithful service is valuable, but it does not count like efficient service, and it ought not to count for so much.

It is the alert mind, whether in a younger or an old body, that is valuable, and which ought to enable its owner to progress. It is eager, thoughtful devotion to a business that helps the business.

If young men are abler than old men, they will replace old men. It is still true that high positions are held by old men. This, however, is not because of their age or the length of their service, but because of their ability.

Establishments maintaining the seniority rule are blind alleys. Choose an open road if you intend to keep on traveling.—Copyright, 1921,

by John Blake.)

All of which is no argument against long service, as such, but a recognition of efficiency in service and professional growth as the main factors in determining advancement of teachers or other workers.

ADVICE TO PARENTS

Naturally, the right to give advice has been pre-empted by adults. In particular, parents prescribe for their children. It is maturity seeking to guide immaturity. The young are taught what they may do, and what they may not do; what is proper, or thought to be so, according to adult conventions and what should be avoided; the badness of the bad and the goodness of the good, again as measured by adult standards; the hurt that flows from temper and protest and disobedience; the failure to respect the wishes of the parent. But, for the most part, parents forget, or have not known, that they are under equal obligation to respect their children's rights and point of view. The angry criticism, or irritable reactions to childish behavior, or readiness to see fault, or inconsistent commands, or deception, or misconstruction of statements, are all likely to hurt the child and lead to distrust, as would similar treatment received by the parent.

Helps to Parents

These reflections have been suggested by a striking significant article in The Living Age, September 30, 1922, entitled, "Parents and Children," by Catherine W. Alexander. It was originally published in the Manchester Guardian, and is vouched for as the authentic statement of "How Parents and Children Can Improve Themselves." One, having read the article, is impressed with two facts concerning it: first. the soundness of the advice; and second, that it was written by a 14-year-old girl, who gives her reasons for trying "to help parents with growing children to bring them up." Averse to "pampering, petting and cuddling" children, she strongly advises sending them to school early. "where they will be punched and cuffed into shape." "Put yourself in their places, take their point of view a little, and you will soon gain their confidence."

For she says in a thoroughly sensible way, "a child has its fancies, like grown people, and a great many of a child's fancies have reason behind them, and are not merely wishes that they wish for themselves, but ones which, if only a parent knew it, would prevent many a little quarrel and disagreement that will arise between children and their parents, just because the parent has expressed itself wrongly and in a way that a child objects to or see through." Sees through is good. She gives a

list of a score of books for children from eleven to fifteen years of age, ranging from Fairy Tales to Charlotte Bronte, Thackeray, Scott and Arnold Bennett. Among the words of advice to children, concerning their habits, their "swearwords," their friends, etc., they are advised that when visiting, "if your hostess offers you a cigarette, do not accept it: tell her your father thinks you shouldn't smoke before twelve years old!" She cites a number of ways in which a child may, and should be, "good" in the home and elsewhere; but adds, "not too good, or you will be a prig."

Success

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men, the trust of pure women and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has looked for the best in others and gave them the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, his memory a benediction.—Bessie A. Stanley.

Aristocracy vs. Democracy

LET us look the question fairly in the face and be honest with ourselves. We are ruled in industry, in commerce, in professions, in government, by an intelligent aristocracy; we have never had a true democracy, and the low level of the intelligence of the people will not permit of our having one. We cannot conceive of any worse form of chaos than a real democracy in a population of an average intelligence of a little over thirteen years.

.. "This aristocracy must inevitably be the most intelligent, but it must also be well trained, benevolently inclined and willing to admit any others to its membership who are fitted to belong."—George B. Cutten, President Colgate University, in School and Society.

Equality of Opportunity

16 THERE never can be equality of rewards or possessions so long as the human plan contains varied talents and differing degrees of industry and thrift, but ours ought to be a country free from great blotches of distressed poverty. We ought to find a way to guard against the penalties of unemployment. want an America of homes, illumined with hope and happiness, where mothers, freed from the necessity for long hours of toil beyond their own doors, may preside as befits the hearthstone of American citizenship. We want the cradle of American childhood rocked under conditions so wholesome and so hopeful that no blight may touch it in its development and we want to provide that no selfish interest, no material necessity, no lack of opportunity shall prevent the gaining of that education so essential to the best citizenship."-From the Inaugural Speech of President Harding.

A National School

N the Harper's Magazine for October may be found a discriminating article on "A National School." Its reading would profit either teacher or parent. It is emphasized that it is not so much knowledge of any kind that is wanted as a strong and true American feeling, a sense of the solidarity of the ideal (and therefore real) American democracy. Dr. John Finley is quoted in a pertinent recommendation that there should be instituted a great educational Plattsburg for the training of American public school teachers. He is credited with denying the right of a certain Eastern university to undertake the venture, because it "does not believe in the public:" and that, so far as he could discover, "only one professor in that faculty had a child in the public schools. How could such a faculty prepare an army of enthusiastic teachers for the public's children while denying them the faculty's children?" It is a telling argument throughout for the recognition of one national spirit in education, free from private or sectarian exclusiveness-if our democracy is to be free from stratification and contending elements. It is not uniformity of subjects, or methods, or organization that the situation demands, but a consistency of American ideals, a sense of the common purpose of all of us, a feeling that Americans are one people, not a loose confederacy of exclusive and suspicious groups, or classes, or sects, or parties with antagenistic or divergent aims. Manifold organizations within any large civic group there will be, and ought to be. But a recognition of the oneness in institutional loyalty must be supreme, and this the schools must teach.

Spontaneous and Supervised Play in Childhood.

By Alice Corbin Sies. Pages, 442. A Practical Handbook of Games. By Emily W. Elmore. Pages, 118.

Both by the MacMillan Company.

Every adult has been a child: even the teacher, though this is not in every case apparent. It is astonishing how little acquaintance with games the average teacher reveals; and how little active sympathy with the child love of the game and free play; and how ready he is to feel irritation at their spontaneous, apparently aimless activities. There are two or three reasons for this alienation: In the presence of what we think to be more urgent and important concerns, we grow away from childhood's "When I was a child I spoke as a child and thought as a child, but now that I am become a man I have put away childish things." We forget our own childhood busyings and, as adults, find it difficult to reproduce or recreate them. Then, along with the other numerous changes in children's environment, there have been many games added, most of which are as new to all except the experts as is the automobile or radio. A third reason must be cited to account for this adult alienation from childhood's concerns. The teacher is, per force, occupied with formal knowledges, an emphasis of the intellectual, to a degree neutralizing the emotional, instinctive and moral faculties. There is little teacher impulse to free, unhindered activity, for the mere joy of it -such as the child feels. There are, consequently, needed such books as "A Handbook of Games," not for the play and athletic director alone; but that academic teachers may cooperate with them to the common end of a rounded and integral education. There is given a classifled list of 130 games: for very little children; for children from the third to sixth grades inclusive; and from the seventh grade through the high school. Where they are likely to be unknown, the games are described and mapped for illustration. It will be found a useful book for playground directors, certainly, for teachers of schools where special supervision is not provided.

These companion volumes offer rich suggestions to teachers, to play directors, to mothers. even, of the educative possibilities inherent in whatever play activities that challenge and hold the childish interest and purpose; all the better if the play can be given a shunt in the direction of abiding effects by a wise and sympathetic observer using the suggestibility of children to the pursuit of activities as if they were their own. With all the recent progress in providing play spaces and regulated play times and the introduction of real games and sports, their educative value is held by most teachers in a nebulous thinking. These two books if carefully studied would do much to fix correct nofions and, maybe, a more farseeing practice.

Play as an instrument in education is relatively modern. Teachers, even, have not regarded it seriously as a schooling exercise until very recent years. In a general way the educative meaning of the spontaneous activities of childhood has been apprehended if not comprehended. In his shorter essay on Nature, Emerson notes that "the child with his pranks, the fool of his senses, commanded for every sight and sound, without power to compare and rank his sensations, abandoned to a whistle or a pointed chip, to a lead dragon or a ginger-bread dog, individualizing everything. generalizing nothing, delighted with every new thing: lies down at night overpowered by the fatigue which this day of pretty madness has incurred. But Nature has answered her purpose with the curly, dimpled lunatic. She has kept every faculty, and has secured the symmetrical growth of the bodily frame, by all these attitudes and exertions-an end of the first importance, which could not be entrusted to any care less perfect than her own." It is just the utilizing of these constitutional traits in children under ten years of age, planning for them "a rich, free play-life," a planned environment that should appeal to the play-action tendencies and stimulate them toward high responses. It is a most convincing presentation of the possibilities of free play under wise supervision.

There has been much written and done, and wholesome results accomplished for the later childhood and adolescent years; but Mrs. Sies has here set for herself and, with notable success, solved the problem of the effective, but unobtrusive guidance of the younger children.

After a discriminating valuation of play and work, there are a dozen artistically illustrated chapters on Dramatic Plays of Childhood-the doll and doll-house, the store, school, hunting, fighting (a fine statement), the fireman, etc.; a number of chapters on Movement Plays-climbing, walking, leaping, swinging, dancing, swimming, throwing and kindred movements; the sand-pile, clay manipulation, gardening, playing with fire and water (ingenious interpretations of the childish instincts and provision for their satisfactions and direction). In an appendix are given references for collateral reading, and "stimulating questions and exercises" related to the problems and principles stated in each chapter. Any primary teacher or kindergartner, or lower grade elementary teacher will find here both information and stimulation.

North America. By Nellie B. Allen. Ginn and Company. Pages, 391.

In the two-series Reading Books on Geography and Geographical and Industrial Studies, Ginn and Company render an eminent service to teachers, to youth themselves and to librarians who seek to stock their shelves with "books that will be read." In the latter series have already been published volumes on the United States, The New Europe, Asia and South America. North America adds to both the reputation and the value of the series. Few subjects in the school course yield themselves to the presentation of facts and their relations, to observable causes and their effects, of practical informative character as does geography. Lands and their people; industries and their raw material; the common occupations and home life; geographical influences and earth changes: brooks and rivers and mountains and plains and cities; the conditions of urban and rural life; natural resources and animals; the conditions of living and working in the sometimes inhospitable regions; discoveries in the back countries, trails and transportation-all spell geography and interests of the most picturesque quality. They are studies which appeal to childhood and youth-imaginative, venturesome, eager to know, just outgrowing the limitations of early provincialisms and ready to live the vicarious experiences of other lands and times and peoples. Miss Allen betrays real genius in the expression that catches and holds the attention. Both the text and the nearly 200 illustrations of North America, while severely of the fact character, are so presented as to have the effect of dramatic representation. It is filled with problems and projects; suggestions for much voluntary participation by pupils in carrying on and expanding the work; fixing the reference-book habit; correlating the related studies; and magnifying the knowledge and use of our natural resources. The illustrations in number are artistic and teaching qualities are admirably chosen. Such formal study of geography as was once practiced on some of us seems pinched and fruitless beside the feast of knowledge and interest in these geographical readers. The material furnishes a fairly comprehensive summary of continental conditions and physical and human relations which, if one

have no further study of the subject, would make a not unsatisfactory equipment in Earth Knowledge. It should not escape mention that a twenty-page index greatly increases the value of the book as a magazine of the most valuable facts, and a manual of reference in a variety of studies.

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High School Ideals. By Samuel Hamilton. The American Book Company. Pages, 159.

With all its limitations, the county superintendency offers exceptional opportunities for large humane and idealistic service to youth and their communities. Not to mention others. the achievements of Cora Wilson Stewart of Kentucky and Charl Ormand Williams of Tennessee, working under not the most favorable conditions, are examples of the abiding values that may be created by this devoted, courageous and intelligent county education official. Samuel Hamilton was another such leader. The writer knew of the work and the rich influence of the man thirty years ago and never since has lost track of his work. He has been so more than the head educational officer of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Office details were not able to submerge his interest in the people of his territory. Records, official decisions, reports, school organizations, prescribed duties, all conscientiously performed, were seen as means to accomplish human and stimulating relations with the youth of the county and their homes. The little volume of eight addresses contains a fraction only of the inspiring and provocative messages spoken and written in his more than thirty years. But they were all spoken with vision beyond the present and from the vantage ground of a high level. The titles of these addresses are significant of his faith in youth for the noblest purposes: the Nobility of Character. High School Ideals, the Lane of Success, the Rain of Gold, the Hill of Difficulty, Individual efficiency, Thinking and Serving, and a Plea for Play. They are enlivened, and made appealing to youth, by many personal incidents, stories from industry and achievements, pertinent references to literature and art and social ethics, and his own experience that made the message very real. High School principals and teachers, platform speakers to the young and all who are interested in youth's upbringing will find the book suggestive, and well worth the careful reading and study by the students themselves.

Education for Business. By Severett S. Lyon. The University of Chicago Press. Pages, XIV plus 618.

Studies consist, mainly, of those pertaining to the physical world-objects, forces and phenomena; and those dealing with the world of man. Both present manifold forms. Investigations and conclusions of the former are more complete. Some critical inquiry has been made in the field of institutions, of language, jurisprudence, general social phenomena, mechanical industry, domestic relations, social codes and kindred topics. But almost nothing has been accepted for municipal management, public revenues, intelligent care of dependents, cooperative industrial effort or the basic and common

objectives in business. Topsy-like, these institutions have just grown up. Custom and tradition have ruled; and in the business world individual initiative and practice have predominated and led to an unraveled complexity. The common objectives of business are not clearly seen. The concept has not been defined, and progress in education for business has been lame. America, it is "unique in its vigor and in lack of guidance." The policy of most school agencies has been rather training for the several businesses than education in business. Mr. Lyon's treatment is of the nature and standards and social connections and abiding purposes and development of business. He defines it as "that scheme of economic organization which is at present largely responsible for gratifying human wants." Education for business becomes, therefore, neither the "planning of business courses, nor teaching business subjects in terms of tradition or custom," but the determining of "the general objectives of business education, and the important agencies."

After certain introductory chapters defining the problem and stating and evaluating outstanding objectives in education for business and the modern application of science to productions, two chapters are devoted to "what business wants" in the way of ability and adaptability. One chapter is given to the "functions of education in a democracy." In both groups the method of presenting the discussion is by the mouth of the expert-extracts from letters, addresses on books. Representatives of a dozen great industries are quoted as to what business wants, the experience of a number of cities, the Federation of Labor, expert financiers, etc. Similarly, on the aims, functions, evolution and ideals of education in a democracy, there are taken opinions from Dewey, Thorndike, Gompers, Cooley and others. attempt is made by the author to interpret these statements: they are presented as raw material for the reader's meaning. Upon investigation the method proves to be far more effective than, in advance, seems possible.

Approximately half of the text is taken up with an exhibit of the several modern agencies of education for business, the business college, private commercial and correspondence schools. Corporation schools, collegiate schools of business, high school commercial courses, the high school of commerce, the business continuation school, cooperative business courses, evening schools, graduate commercial courses, and commercial teacher training. The treatment will be found modern and helpful.

Self-Help English Lessons—Third Book—By Julia Helen Wohlforth and John J. Mahoney. The World Book Company. Pages, 392.

Books One and Two of this series have been noticed as they came from the publisher. The method throughout the series is consistent, giving a unity in an astonishing variety of material and abundant. The social objective has been worked out in a detailed and thoroughly practical way. There are separate presentations for seventh and eighth grades. It is a bit un-

fortunate that the scheme does not include material, similarly organized for the ninth grade. The Junior High School has so entirely justified itself as an organic part of the system and so surely completes the three-class group that they should be considered together.

Besides the facts that under several state laws youths are kept in school for at least one year of the traditional high school, and that they are leaving school at an age when such social meanings of language are so much needed, a continuation of the series would be very serviceable.

This Third Book, however, is admirable, in beth content and method. Much use is made of the project in both grades-for self-help devices, class organization, class papers, selfdirected recitations, etc. Neither the project nor the social reference in class or individual exercises is over-emphasized, but is permitted to develop naturally from the situations taken. Fine literary and historical extracts for study. stories and interesting life incidents, business experience, personal doings and longings, class discussions and writing for the press, are all used, along with much else, to teach correct usage of language, grammatical structure, simple rhetorical principles, the correction of errors, etc. Like the other books of the series it is usable as a text by any teacher in any school, large or small, where language work is systematically presented. Indeed the book is so complete that the average individual has little need of more.

Children's Songs and Stories of the Wild Flowers—By Norine Connelly. Harr Wagner Publishing Company. Pages, 70.

To know the wild flowers is good. To love them is better. And to be able to express one's sense of kinship with them is a form of fine art. Everything about this little book appeals to that sense of the fine which one has. The sentiment here is childhood's sentiment, but all the more human and less artificial and domesticated than much that goes under that name among adults.

"Wild Flowers" is the theme, but the treatment involves both song and story-music and And the surprising thing about it literature. all is that both words and music are the children's own. With the exception of nine rhymelets, all of the 59 word pictures and their accompanying simple melodies, were composed by the children. In ingenious recital the theme was given by the teacher; for the rest we are assured, it appears in the collection,-song and "exactly as the children told and sang story them." The illustrations by Carola Kuss Cordell are artistic, dainty and relevant. Teachers of primary classes will find the collection both useful as it is, and stimulating to similar attempts by their own pupils-a double service which they must be quick to appreciate.

Teachers will find in the December number of the Journal of Educational Method of description of somewhat similar experiment with third and fourth grade children at Bennington, Vermont.

Foundation History Stories—The World Book Company. Beginners' Ancient History. By J. B. Newman. Pages, 174,

Beginners' Modern History. By J. B. New-man. Pages, 160.

Brief History of Modern Europe. By William Glover. Pages, 229.

"History is our interpretation of the life of men in the Past," at least, history as written undertakes to reveal how peoples lived, and worked, and grew in knowledge, and governed or were governed, and what institutions flourished and how. In modern education is shown an increasing conviction that every one, however much or little schooling he may have, is advantaged in personal possession, in social insight and in a liberal civic consciousness by an understanding of how the people and nations and governments and social standards have come to what they are. Such stories as are here noted make it possible for the younger boys and girls, even, to read of the up-coming of the present through reading of the past. The connected story of ancient peoples, the frontier of the race's civilization, is, when told as Mr. Newman tells it, interesting to youth as are all stories of frontiers whose activities are made real. So also, the imigrations of early modern Europe, the spirit of world adventure, the colonizing of new lands and the rise and contentions of young nations have an appealing force for the young. Modern History becomes picturesque in story. With a background of these two pictures, the Modern History of Europe becomes intelligible to junior high school classes. As presented here it begins about 1815 and ends with the formation of the League of Nations and its important provisions.

It is a remarkable series of books—these Foundation History stories—remarkable for what is found may safely be left out; for the articulateness of what remains, for the vital concreteness of the recital and for the thoroughly intelligible English—neither academic nor childish. For children from the fifth garde up, they will be found both readable and interesting. To know what they relate will make familiar to youth more history than most students now learn; and what is better, is sure to sow seeds of interest that will prompt to further reading.

Education on the Dalton Plan—By Helen Parkhurst. E. P. Dulton and Co. Pages, 278. Price, \$2.00.

In May of the present year there was given in these columns, a brief review of "The Dalton Laboratory Plan" by Evelyn Dewey, from the same publisher. The latter is a sympathetic observer's and reporter's estimate of the method devised by Miss Parkhurst. Miss Parkhurst improved and systematized her method in Dalton, Massachusetts, high school, having had experience in primary schools, normal training schools and training college. The "plan" had been worked into form by 1913. The following year, the author studied the Montessori system in Rome, and acted as the Doctor's assistant at the Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. Four years later, the plan was introduced into

an ungraded school for crippled boys, and later in the Children's University school, New York. Throughout the experimental and early stages it had been an attempt to apply "the principle of freedom in education," or "learning envisaged from the learner's point of view. She is constantly facing the question "what is the proper distribution of initiative and responsibility between teacher and taught?" and seeks to discover an answer. This she finds in the laboratory plan, whose first principle is freedom of the pupil to "absorb knowledge at his own rate of speed," and "to continue his work without interruption" by an enforced program. The second principle is called "the interaction of group life," or cooperation among pupils, work problems are set for each pupil a month at a time, and having agreed upon a standard excellence to be attained, he is permitted to budget his own time and spend it according to his felt need. The problem of education is not a teacher's but a pupil's problem; therefore remove all impediments-dictation, time-table, prescriptive ordering, stated tests, a fixed curriculum, etc. He must be free to work with any of his fellows who are concerned with the same job. He is free to leave one project for another at his own discretion.

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The plan does not interfere with an organization of the school by classes, a teacher being held answerable for the records and progress of a given group. But each teacher is a specialist "devoting her energy to teaching her best subject and only that." It contemplates departmental work from the fourth grade; each room being a laboratory with equipments of materials, tools and books for one special subject. From 9 to 12 daily, pupils are free to work in these laboratories upon their own responsibility. The afternoons are given to lessons, which are rather conversations and for the laving of plans of work. So far as the teacher's function is concerned, the laying out and making assignments of contract jobs call for most care. Nearly 100 pages are given to a discussion of their character, the most usable forms, and to "sample assignments;" these last comprising illustrative outlines and suggestions for studying science, history, geography, mathematics, art and music; and all of the grades are represented from the fourth to the first year of high school. With this showing it would be difficult for a sympathetic teacher to go astray in introducing the plan.

As set forth by Miss Parkhurst, the Dalton Laboratory is primarily a device for throwing upon the pupil the responsibility for his effort, and hence, his learning. As a second consideration, the teacher is regarded as an adviser, not a lecturer. It represents an attempt to reach in every school act, the individual child. Down through the years this has been the ideal of every real teacher, from Pestalozzi and Froebel to Montessori and Miss Partridge. "How to distribute the responsibility between the learner and the teacher" is the ever-present problem. The writer recalls a wave of protest of forty years ago, against the rigid classifications then in vogue. For the most part, then, it meant only the chance of each pupil to learn given texts with such speed as he could maintain. Later, it was thought the result might be obtained by reducing the size of classes; or changing the time requirements of the "course" to fit unlike abilities; or by providing a "helpteacher" for slower pupils in each room; or by grouping children according to their maturity rather than by the chronological age; or by more frequent promotions, or by opportunity classes.-all the while maintaining an exclusive class system, the more or less uniform curriculum, examination in bunches, and rating all by a common standard. These attempts have proved palliative only, and result in reaching groups of learners in a better way. Of all modern schemes, the kindergarten, perhaps, approaches nearest to individual stimulation with the cooperative effort. But this takes the children earlier than the Parkhurst plan is thought to be applicable-about 8 years of age. Eades, an expounder of the Dalton plan, distinctly affirms that it is not the Montessori system, though for four years Miss Parkhurst. herself, says her "first conception of educational laboratories" came with the reading of Swift's "Mind in the Making," about 1909. A draft of the present plan was begun in 1912. Chapter VIII, on Teaching and Learning is well worth reading by any teacher, wholly apart from its advocacy of the laboratory plan. It is stimulating, sensible, practicable, direct. The book will be found most helpful to the open-minded and thoughtful.

Korean Fairy Tales—By William Elliot Griffes.
The Thomas Y. Crowell Company. Pages,
212.

Folk Lore is not without its chroniclers. It may be, as yet, a pseudo science only, though remarkably developed as knowledge, as a branch of scientific research it is a division of the comprehensive science of anthropology. deals with tradition as comprising the accepted accumulations of the wisdom of the uneducated. It thus represents the common life, the empirical behavior as it takes form in customs and more or less primitive institutions, in medical and other superstitions; and has its kinships with myths and fairy notions and the incident practices. Through their investigation it is sought to discover and interpret the universal mental characteristics possessed by the human race. For these folk lore and myth and fairy stories are found among all peoples, apparently; handed down by tradition from early beginnings. The fable, also, belongs to this larger group. It is wholly a matter of tradition, and the author as giving an exposition or interpretation, has a more difficult task even, than the observer and interpreter of scientific facts and their rendering into reliable guidance.

The present author has had a rich experience in his contact with folk-lore sources and material, and knows the nations treated at first-hand. He is the author of Fairy Tales of Belgium, Holland, Japan, Switzerland and Wales, beside the work here noted on Korea. Mr. Griffes spent several years as a pioneer American educator in organizing a school system in Japan and came to know the spirit and social standards of the Korean people, and their civiliza-

tion "which once so enriched Asia, and made possible the modern Japan such as we know today." The book comprises 26 stories,-stories of animals; spirits; Sandalwood, the Father of Korea, Kija, the wise law-giver; Fancha, the Story Teller; White Whiskers, the Tiger; Peony. the King of Flowers; Takgabi's Menagerie (cats and dogs) Catkin, with her five gems, a sort of Pandora's box, from which were shown the five characteristic traits of the Korean people; the Great Stone Fire Eater; Seoul and the Mirror that made Trouble; etc. It is an interesting collection of tales, interpreting the soul life of the common people of Korea, not in primitive days only, but today in their cherished beliefs and myths and superstition practices, their crude interpretations of nature -just such as may be found among the simpleminded and uninstructed of all nations. The stories constitute an admirable reading book for children or for story telling by the teacher.

High School Geography-By R. H. Whitbeck.

The Macmillan Company. Pages, 577. For the elementary grade pupils geography is a rich information study; less exclusively so than formerly, for there are texts and schools whose teaching effect looks to the cultivation of the judgment in the years before the junior high school even. For the high school, in the best current conception, the study is scarcely less cultural than vocational. It is rich in knowledge connections-with history, populations, economics, the sciences, international associations, health and productiveness. national strength and resources, etc. No other secondary school study is more stimulative of interest in life problems, and an appreciation of natural forces and causes upon which depend so many human forces and conditions. ductive areas, the distribution of population, transportation, actual and possible, commercial development and connections, markets and trade are all conditioned by geographical factors. The Whitbeck text is distinctly of high school grade. It is offered as a study of the interrelations of the physical environment and human activities. After a single chapter given to the "Earth and its Neighbors," there follows a foundation study of soil, rivers, agriculture, and the surface features of the land, with major reference to the United States, its industries and commerce. Something more than a hundred pages are devoted to the geopraphy. population and industries of the other countrygroups-Latin America, the British Empire. Continental Europe (more than half of this space to the last two), and the Oriental countries, Japan and China. The numerous cross references in the text, and the comparative tables, show their important economic relations to each other and to the United States. There are eight excellent colored maps and nearly 400 figure and picture illustrations. It is noticeable that no other single country or state has so many individual references as does California-probably due to the character of the population, the diversity of our products and our easy land and water neighboring. It is a

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NOTES AND COMMENT

The Executive Committee of the Northern Section. California Teachers' Association. met in annual session in the office of Superintendent Hughes at Sacramento on Friday, January 5. Present at this meeting were Mr. L. P. Farris. President of the Northern Section: Mrs. Minnie R. O'Neill, Secretary, and County and City Superintendents representing the various districts in the Section. Executive Secretary Chamberlain of the C. T. A. met with the committee. Under the constitution and by-laws of the Northern Section, which organization meets on alternate years, it is the duty of the Executive Committee to convene on the alternate years, to transact any business necessary and to act in lieu of the Association proper.

Reports were listened to from the Secretary and Treasurer, and plans for the next annual meeting discussed. There was difference of opinion expressed on the part of members of the committee as to the advisability of continuing the sessions on alternate years, as at present. A number of members advised return to the original plan of the Association meeting each year. It was determined to put the matter before the members of the association for consideration and decision, at the meeting next fall, at Sacramento. Executive Secretary Chamberlain outlined the proposed legislative plan, and this was considered in detail. A committee was named to act in co-operation with the State Council Committee on Legislation. There was also taken up for consideration plans for developing the membership in the Northern Sec-

Word comes to this office of the resignation from the presidency of the State Normal School at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of President C. G. Pearse. Mr. Pearse has been head of the Milwaukee institution for nine years. Previous to that he served for a number of years as Superintendent of the Schools of Milwaukee. For a considerable number of years past, and until the meeting of the N. E. A. at Boston last July, he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Education Association. Mr. Pearse has been President of the N. E. A.

This resignation comes somewhat as a surprise to those not closely in touch with the local situation in Wisconsin. In that state there are several state normal schools. President Pearse is not entirely in sympathy with the policy of the governing board of these state institutions. In the attempt of this board to curb the activities of the normal schools, and what President Pearse believes to be for the best interests of the schools of the state, the latter cannot see his way clear to continue. If the condition in Milwaukee, and Wisconsin is such that there is a divided authority, and those with political ambition and without knowledge of educational means, are attempting to domi-

nate the school situation, then President Pearse is doing the right thing in resigning from the position. It is expected by some that he will be able as an "outsider" and public citizen, to help clear the atmosphere.

In the Harper's Magazine for October may be found a discriminating article on "A National School." Its reading would profit either teacher or parent. It is emphasized that it is not so much knowledge of any kind that is wanted as a strong and true American feeling. a sense of the solidarity of the ideal (and therefore real) American democracy. Dr. John Finley is quoted in a pertinent recommendation that there should be instituted a great educational Plattsburg for the training of American Public School teachers. He is credited with denying the right of a certain eastern university to undertake the venture, because it "does not believe in the public;" and that so far as he could discover, "only one professor in that faculty had a child in the public schools. How could such a faculty prepare an army of enthusiastic teachers for the public's children while denying them the faculty's children?" It is a telling argument throughout for the recog-

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nition of one national spirit in education, free from private or sectarian exclusiveness if our democracy is to be free from stratification and contending elements. It is not uniformity of subjects, or methods, or organization that the situation demands, but a consistency of American ideals, a sense of the common purposes of all of us, a feeling that Americans are one people, not a loose confederacy of exclusive and suspicious groups, or classes, or sects, or parties with antagonistic or divergent aims. Manifold organizations within any large civic group there will be, and ought to be. But a recognition of the oneness in institutional loyalty must be supreme, and this the schools must teach.

In a recent number of the School Board Journal appeared a discussion of the fiscal independence of school boards. The policy of twenty-four cities is given, along with the number of members and the manner of their selection. These cities ranged in size from New York, with its 5,600,000 population and seven boards, to Denver, Colorado, with a population of 256,000 and seven members. The twenty-four boards averaged eight members each. But five boards have more than ten members; eight have seven members each; seven have five; of the remaining four, three are composed of nine members each. Of the twenty-four cities, fifteen report that the city government has no authority over the finances of the schools (subject only to state limitation); seven admit complete or almost complete dependence upon the city; and two, a divided authority. The discussion summarizes with "five cogent reasons" why a city school system should be financially independent: it is right in principle: it is not in violation of correct principles or taxation; it works better in practice; it makes for continuity of educational policy; it provides adequate financial safeguards for a community.

Since early in 1921 Kansas has had a State School Code Commission at work and has just issued a compact Report of 80 pages. Among the recommendations, the district plan is retained, though provision is made for a county unit of taxation for part of school support, and a county board of education whose duties are wholly administrative. An eight-month minimum term is recommended. Of the 8637 schools of all grades in the state, 7639 are one-teacher schools and of 522,457 pupils 207,241 or 40 per cent, are in these schools, with an average daily attendance per teacher in the cities of 32, and in the one-teacher rural schools, but 13, with one-fourth of these last having less than ten pupils, the effort to equalize school opportunities in Kansas is a difficult one, as in most states. The Kansas School Code Report is worth studying.

There has been made public a series of excerpts from the Report of the Board of Alumni Visitors on the University of California. Among the recommendations, the following are noted: that "a board of educators be asked to make an intensive study of the curriculum to ascertain if

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Notice has heretofore been made of the Eldridge Entertainment House. Its product is exclusive. It includes song and dramatic entertainments for schools, and novelties for church, school and club, useful in money-making enterprises in civic and welfare work. There has just come a copy of "Progressive Agricultural Programs," that are unique in construction and purpose. The six sections comprise: a vegetable program, a live-stock program, silos and silage, high school agriculture, child feeding and bird day. It is issued as "a helpful book for rural schools, granges and other farmers' clubs." Directions for executing the programs and lists of bulletins and other references accompany the text. It would seem to be an excellent means of arousing in rural neighborhoods and schools an interest in the "better community."

Edward L. Moore of the San Diego High School, and President of the City Teachers' Association, has invented a device called the Monitor Game, for teaching the fundamental processes of arithmetic. The game consists of four sets, one for each process, with fifty answers and covering all possible combinations of numbers from three to nine. The game is patented and has been placed on the market. It has been highly commended by teachers who have used it.

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at the close. As concerns the first provisions, it has become an accepted dictum that the liberal culture training ends with the sophomore year, and that university of professional or special training begins with the taking of the junior certificate. It will be seen that though an innovation as college regulations go, the Smith College proposal is not revolutionary. Institutions have been growing toward its adaption for years.

By a writer in the Educational Review, it is estimated that while there are probably 375,000 students of French in secondary and higher institutions of all kinds (1922), there are not less than 300,000 studying Spanish, and that, on the whole, teachers of Spanish are as well prepared for their work as are the teachers of French. The writer is head of the modern language work in the high schools of New York, and should be well qualified to form a reliable judgment.

As concerning the dawdling drifter in college, a paraphrase of a well-known couplet is credited to the late venerated Dr. McCash, as follows:

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During the last school year (1921-1922) pupils in the public schools of New York City deposited \$5,500,000 in School Savings Banks, a 40 per cent increase over the preceding year; and this, too, without any central organization such as a half dozen California cities have.

According to a table of salaries published by "Common Ground," the official paper of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, of 157 cities and towns employing superintendents, 15 pay \$5000 or more (only one, Boston, above \$6000), and 27 pay \$2500 or less.

Washington joins with Ohio in organizing a State School Board Association. The purpose of both is the same: "to secure more uniform administrative methods throughout the state as well as higher standards of efficiency." This, from Washington. The organization By-Laws of Ohio are more explicit, but in general to the same end: "to promote the efficiency of the public schools through the interchange of ideas; to render more available information regarding the different school systems of the state; to enable boards of education to exert an important influence in educational legislation; to help to secure uniformity in routine matters of school administration, and to promote a feeling of sympathetic interest among county, village, rural and city boards of education."

The need for teacherages, or homes for teachers, in the sparsely settled regions, has been adverted to in these columns. The inability of California to use school funds for this purpose does not lessen the state's interest, or the in-

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Never before in our history has organization for teachers, and organization for active, aggressive work, been so much in evidence as now. The Department of Elementary School Principals of the N. E. A. publishes a quarterly bulletin with its own editor, and a Year Book whose contents are made the subject for discussion at the following meetings. All publications issue from the office of the N. E. A., 1201 Sixteenth Street N.W., Washington, D. C.; Mr. S. D. Shankland of the N. E. A. office being assistant secretary.

Now the High School Teachers' Association of New York City has undertaken a study of all-the-year school plans. It really does seem as if some scheme should be devised for the all-year use of school buildings and equipments. In rural, city and state school property in the United States there is more than four and a half billions invested. Something more than half of this is for elementary and secondary education. To permit this vast sum to be idle for nine of the twelve months, for two of the seven days and for eight of the fourteen waking hours of the day must seem to be a shameful waste.

State Universities are growing in popularity. Except an Agricultural College, Massachusetts has never had a state institution of higher learning. How Governor Cox has appointed a commission of seven "to study the opportunities and facilities for higher education," especially with reference to the need of a State University. The Commission consists of two college presidents, two public school superintendents, a labor leader, a business manager and a private citizen—Mrs. George H. Baker.

An elaborate and very valuable Bulletin, No. 9, has just been issued in the Part-time Education series by the University of California. Its title is "The Work of Juniors in Retail Grocery Stores." Previous bulletins have covered similar service in banks, railway transportation, telegraph service and department stores. In the present issue there are detailed analyses of seven different positions in the business and suggestive instructional material. For each position there are set forth, (1) the general facts concerning the job, (2) the duties, (3) the required knowledge (very explicit), and (4) possibilities of promotion. For the assistance of the teacher there are given in an appendix a number of suggested lessons, and a half dozen lesson plans worked out with necessary detail. As related to the trade, there is furnished a list of trade journals and books for reference.

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manner; the uses of films in a half dozen large churches: and notes the successful introduction of worthy and attractive pictures into the community theatre at Bellflower, California. The experience of a dozen cities in regulating the character of pictures shown (including Berkelev) is noted. The Society for Visual Education, 806 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, as agent, has nearly 2,000,000 feet of film on Red Cross activities. The magazine gives approved lists of new films in literature and nature, and a few short "educationals," together with a number of current pamphlets on related topics.

It is astonishing to hear that there are more than 1200 private commercial and business schools in the United States. A recent Bureau of Education report gives information of 902 of them. With 6000 teachers and an enrollment of more than 300,000 day and night students (less than 50 per cent average attendance), their existence is an unwelcome commentary upon the limited privileges offered by the public schools. Why should young men and women in commercial, stenographic, accountancy, secretarial and salesmanship courses be compelled to pay the fees to a private business venture? The courses are short, 60 per cent of them 12 months or less, and 84 per cent of them less than 18 months. The schools offer training but not education. California reports 50 such plants with an attendance of approximately 10,000.

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An interesting movement is on in Ohio which other states may well copy. The first steps have been taken to organize the 2,500 local boards of education with a society for co-operative work. A state-wide program is being formulated looking to better financing of the schools, the strengthening of weak school districts, better provisions for transporting pupils to consolidated schools and changes in the state school building code. Every one of these and kindred problems is quite within the group of needs for California schools.

In California the following systems have separate administration for part-time classes: Alameda, Berkeley, Corona, El Monte, Huntington Park, La Verne, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland. Petaluma, Pomona, Richmond, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Rosa, South San Francisco, Stockton, Watsonville. Already the state reports 14,398 pupils in part-time schools. Taking Berkeley as typical, there are offered approximately one hundred courses in four major groups, including academic courses in English literature, arithmetic, algebra and geometry,

In certain German cities it was found the wage earners 14 to 18 years of age were addicted to needless spending of their money. To counteract this tendency these young people were required by law to save a certain proportion of their wages. The employer keeps out this amount and deposits it in the name of the worker. In Berlin of the 90,000 in the group, 32,000 accounts were opened in the five months

Dean Baldwin Woods of the University of California announces that Dr. E. Charlton Black, Senior Professor of English, Boston University, has been appointed to the faculty of the California University as lecturer on modern English poetry and the Shakespearean drama, at the summer sessions. Professor Black's first course of lectures on English Poetry from Wordsworth to Masefield will be given at Los Angeles in July, 1923. Professor Black has been busily at work all summer, bringing out additional volumes in the New Hudson Shakespeare, of which he is now the chief editor. The first part of King Henry IV is out, the second part is on the press. Othello is coming along rapidly. Professor Black also has about ready a Shakespeare manual for which teachers of English are looking eagerly.

Consolidation of schools gains adherents. Among the states the following figures are given: Nebraska, 97; Colorado, 147; South Dakota, 200; Oklahoma, 200; Missouri, 237; Iowa, 400.

Secretary Mellon announces that President Harding has appointed Mr. Henry H. Hilton of the firm of Ginn and Company, publishers, of Chicago, a member of the Tax Simplification Board, representing the public. The Tax Simplification Board was established in the Treasury Department under the Revenue Act of 1921, to consider the regulations, forms and procedure

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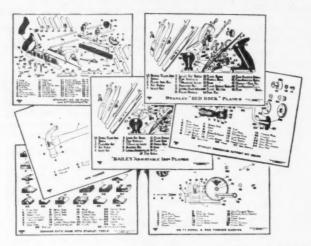
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hand is a very important one and concerns nothing less than the reorganization of the administrative work of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which, among other things, handles all of the income tax business. This is the second time in recent years that Mr. Hilton has been called into important service for the Government. At the close of the war he was asked to represent the Government in settling up with the educational institutions all over the country where S. A. T. C. work had been established. Mr. Hilton has many friends in the Pacific Coast States, especially among the colleges which he visits from time to time in the interests of Ginn and Company's editorial department.

Present at the Louisville meeting of the International Kindergarten Union this summer were delegates from thirty-three states and five foreign countries—Hawaii, Chile, England, France and Czecho-Slovakia. One encouraging feature of the gathering was the large number of primary teachers, elementary school principals, superintendents and social workers. The spirit of the kindergarten is becoming a force in all elementary education and everywhere looks to superior service to boys and girls.

During the meeting of the Chiefs of Police at San Francisco in June, Chief August Vollmer of Berkeley asserted that "there are 500,-000 criminals in confinement and as many more well-known criminals at large, with the result that the country pays twice as much for police protection as for education." Socially, econom-

ically, morally and industrially, these million waywards are a menace, not to the existing adult generation, but the youth coming on. The nearly two billion spent on the former would make possible such extension of school privileges and child care as to give hope of a universally literate, self-respecting, self-supporting productive citizenry in a generation.

Eight states now have some form of teacher tenure law; and 48 cities. Four of the states are Western, and four on the Atlantic side. Thirty-seven cities of 25,000 population or more report no tenure laws in force. Twenty-five states maintain teachers' pension systems, and 56 cities. Of 77 cities, 47 report the employment of a state fund, 17 a local fund, and three both state and local. The single-salary schedule for teachers is in operation in Des Moines, Sioux City, Spokane, La Crosse, Beloit, Minneapolis, Duluth, Harrisburg, Chicago, Omaha, Birmingham and Denver.

Seattle is to have a new million dollar Roosevelt High School. It will cover an area of two city blocks, and will be the largest and most imposing school structure, perhaps on this coast.

Two radical measures have been announced by State Superintendent of Schools L. E. Wooster of Kansas, as follows: (1) Schools and colleges that permit the use of tobacco in any form by administrative heads, instructors or pupils, can not remain on the accredited list: (2) credits sent to the state department from

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normal schools, colleges and universities where the heads of these institutions, faculty members or students use tobacco in any form will not be accepted for certification. Aside from the fact that there appears to be no legal authority for this official decision, one may well question its good sense.

The County Superintendents of Wisconsin, at their recent convention, are reported to have voted almost unanimously in favor of a County Board of Education with power to appoint the County Superintendent. The State Teachers' Association also endorsed the plan. Is California ready to join a similar movement?

Hawaii has 34 newspapers, of which four of the seven English papers are dailies, and seven of the fifteen Japanese. Among the 34 are four Chinese, four Korean, three Portuguese and one Philippino. It is a distinctly Oriental population. The education task is complicated.

High School Geography

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scholarly compendium of economics and commercial and industrial information having geographical meanings. Altogether the book would seem to be a usable text for secondary schools. There is much need for such a serious consideration by American youth of geography and its congener sciences. They are widely inclusive and basic in any study of the industries and large business. They are both humanizing and liberal, practical and cultural. Stimulated by the happenings of the world war and the contact and mutual reactions of many nations, geography in America has appreciated in value for, not business, alone, domestic markets and transportation, trade and commerce; or for the conduct of our foreign relations, but as cultivating a sense of world unity. In important ways each nation is the door-yard of every other. Neighborliness is not a mere matter of nearness of location. There was never so much need of any one people's knowing the ways and biases and economic and social attitudes of every other as now. And the study of geography, liberally interpreted, is the one available instrument for winning a world-wide comradeship. Among the geographical phenomena there are innumerable points of contact. For this purpose history is impotent on the lower levels; literature is idealistic and alien to the great populations; science shares with geography as the mordent of inter-national ideas of county and cooperation. Adolescence and the secondary school are adopted to the newer vision. In the individual this is the period of the explorers and travelers; of Columbus and Bacon, of Huxley and Lyell, of Franklin and Livingston and Nielsen. And exploration forays into the field of world commerce and exchange may be made no less enticing than a hunt through the polar regions, and is far more comfortable. High School Geography throughout carries economic meanings, along with the higher meanings noted. It is a stimulating text.



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teeth, and nearly 10,000 with defective tonsils. An average of 10 per cent were found under weight.

The Bureau of Research Studies in Education of the University Nos. 9 and 10, comprise a report on Practice in using a Handwriting school by Cyrus D. Mead and Howard O. Welte, and the results of Measuring Classroom Products in the elementary schools of Richmond; including committee reports on composition, the use of the library and investigation of teaching geography. Upon the last topic will be found elsewhere an extract from the report.

Slowly the conviction is growing that fathers as well as mothers are responsible for the education and the upbringing of the family's children. It is reported that in Missouri where the Parent-Teacher Associations are strong, than half of them are led by men.

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Members of the C. T. A. will be interested in this statement of the budget adopted by the Kansas State Teachers' Association for 1923: Salary of Secretary.....\$ 5000 Office Rent Program Talent Paper for the Kansas Teacher 4000 Printing the Kansas Teacher Postage, telegrams, telephones, etc..... Express, freight and drayage Traveling expenses of the Office..... Teachers' Placement Bureau...... 10000 Expenses of Board, Committees, etc Office Expenses Advertising and Publicity Office Help Auditing, etc. 400 Legislative Work Miscellaneous Reserve Fund

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Alaska with 4000 school children and 150 teachers held its first Institute recently, at Ketchikan. About half the teachers were present. And when one remembers the long distances to be traveled by some of them to reach any place, and the limited means and conveniences of transportation, one wonders at the scattering attendance of California teachers at some of the gatherings.

No school man, perhaps, in this country has, along with a comprehensive and critical acquaintance with the theory and development of our American education, combined such intimate and understanding appreciation of the details of school practice as has Frank E. Spaulding. Of superior scholarship gained in schools both at home and abroad, a Superintendent of Schools, now Dean of the Graduate School of Education in Yale, he is richly equipped for manifold educational studies. There has re-cently been issued by Newson and Company a brochure entitled Measuring Textbooks, that is a gem among teachers' manuals. It comprises a Measure for Primary Readers, a Measure for Literary Readers, a Measure for Language Books, and a Measure for Spelling Books. Each is considered from the chief objectives of their use. It is a serviceable manual, at the same time that it exemplifies in its phraseology and the organizations of his thought a fine literary sense. There is nothing either over-technical or commonplace in the book.

Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum, vice-president of the State Board of Education and a member since the reorganization of the Board, has resigned. There has been appointed to fill the vacancy, Mrs. Carrie Parsons Bryant of Los Angeles. The other vacancy on the Board has been filled through appointment of Mr. Clarence Jarvis of Sutter Creek. Mrs. Bryant is prominent in club circles in the south. Mr. Jarvis is a former member of the State Board of Control. Mrs. Barnum has served the State long and faithfully and retires with the best wishes

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The Iowa State Teachers' Association is an organization of Gorganthan proportions. Like the C. T. A., it comprises six sections. general session was held early in November at Des Moines. The programs published in advance showed assignments for 23 departments. besides more than 30 round tables. Twenty banquets or special dinners and luncheons were regarded as of sufficient importance to be noted on the general program. Provision has been made to affiliate local associations and teachers' clubs with the state body.

The Council of Education of the Southern Section, C. T. A., is the Executive Body of that Section. At its meeting held January 20, the following people were elected to serve the ensuing two years on the State Council of Education:

Geo. C. Bush, Superintendent of Schools, South Pasadena.

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Wm. P. Dunlevy, San Diego.

Miss Isabella Hilditch, National City.

H. M. Rebok, Superintendent of Schools, Santa Monica.

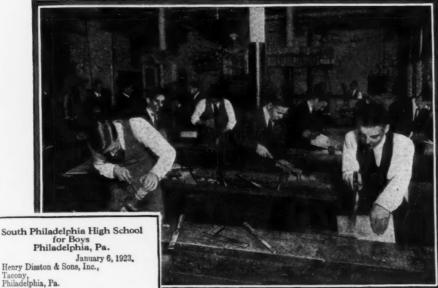
A. F. Vanderift, Polytechnic High School, Los Angeles.

R. D. White, Superintendent of Schools Glendale.

Elaborate plans are forming for a comprehensive study of Oklahoma's state school system. A legislative Act, 1921, set aside, \$20,000. and a commission has been chosen consisting of eight members of the Bureau of Education staff, with Dr. William T. Bawden as chairman, and ten associates from almost as many states. The entire membership is from outside Okla-The survey contemplates "an inquiry homa. into educational legislation;" administration of the State Department: taxation and revenues; expenditures and accounting; rural schools and the county superintendency; special problems of the urban schools; the preparation and supply of teachers; higher education; physical education; Indian and negro schools. The responsible commission consists of the State Superintendent, five city superintendents and an executive secretary. The published results should be of value to other states than Oklahoma.

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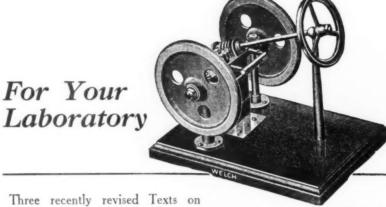
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